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Imperial English & Chinese Date Block, 1887. Hongkong—Interest Allowed. and the above will be, on View on Tuesday January 17, John TRAHEY, British bark, for class risks at current rates. STANDARD LIFE OFFICE. On Current Deposit Account at the rate FOR SHANGHAL VIA SWATOW. Imperial English & Chinese Diary, 1887. MELCHERS & Co. per cent, per Annum on the daily balance. San Francisco." [12] (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates Mayers' Chinese Government-New Edition. TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary. INVESTED FUNDS......£6,466,527 Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. January 17, MERIONETHSHIRE, British str., for On Fixed Deposits:-G. R. LÄMMERT, for Cheroo, Hankow, and Ports on the KELLY & WALSH, LD., HONGKONG. For 3 months 3 per Cent. per Annum. FRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE. YANGTSZE). Auctioneer. London. [143 Endowment Assur-] For 6 months 4 per Cent. per Annum. THIE Company's Steamship COMPANY OF HAMBURG. Are granted under Hongkong, 12th January, 1887. 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ANCIENT and MODERN BRONZES, from the N.E. with thick cloudy overcast wea-For Further Particulars, apply to the Under-SHEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA. 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Mr. GEORGE SACHSE has been admitted IVORIES, LACQUER, SILKS, and BROther and rain to port. Bank if mar! ... HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK NAPLES, LEGHORN, AND GENOA. E MPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMa PARTNER in our Firm from the 1st of January, CADES; GENUINE SATSUMA, EM-Business is forwarded free by the various (Taking Cargo at through rates to MADRAS, E. L. WOODIN, The British steamer Cardiganshire, from Lon-BROID: RED TABLEAUX, QUILTS, Acting Superintendent. British Post Offices in Hongkong and China. PERSIAN GULF, BAGDAD, all MEDITER-The Undersigned, Agents for the above don 16th November, and Singapore 10th Janu HAHN, PIRON & Co. WRAPPERS, JACKETS, and Hougkong, 23rd November, 1886. RANEAN, ADRIATIC and I VANTINE 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, 160 Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES Palo Sapatu, from thence to port had strong PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS, BRONZE Hongkong, 14th January, 1887. but the personal attendance of the Depositor or PORTS; ALEXANDRIA, ODESSA, and MARagainst FIRE to the extent of \$60,000 on any his duly appointed Agent, and the production of SEILLES, and also to Buenos Ayres, NOTICE. TO BE LET mousoon and confused sea. and-USEFUL ARTICLES. MONTEVIDEO, VALPARAISO, and CALLAO.) his Pass-Book are necessary. Possession on the 1st January, 1887. FIRST-CLASS RISK THIS is to give notice that CHUN TSZE All will be offered at the lowest possible For the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-THE Company's Steamship RATES ON FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS RE-SHANGHAI SHIPPING. THE PREMISES now occupied by Messrs. SANG. Partner and Manager of the wholesale prices in Japan. ING CORPORATION, CHE SING FURNITURE SHOP, No. 4A Dagnilar DUCED to 1 PER CENT. NETT PER ANNUM MELCHERS & Co. on the Praya and INSPECTION RESPECTFULLY INVITED. JOHN WALTER ARRIVALS. "BORMIDA." Stre t, suddenly Absconded on the 11th inst. FROM THIS DATE. Pedder Street. The First and Second Floors 4, Kinngteen, Chinese str., from Ningpo. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1887. Acting Chief Manager. Captain Pizzarello, will be despatched as above GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., 4, Taiwo, British str., from Hankow. will be let in Flats, Single Rooms, or in suits as with the Seal and money of the shop. The on SATURDAY, the 22nd inst., at DAYLIGHT. Hongkong, 8th May, 1885 Undersigned thereupon had the accounts investi-MARINBURK & Co , Patroclus, British str., from Liverpool. Agents. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation Imperial Fire Insurance Company. gated and found the debts of the shop amounted The GROUND FLOOR which has hitherto 4, Satsama Maru. Jap. str., from Hongkong. 😈 for Passengers and carries a Doctor and Marine House, Queen's Road, Hongkong. INTIMATIONS. Hongkong, 9th May, 1881. , Paumben, British str., from Japan. to more than \$500; he is therefore compelled to been occupied by Messrs. BLACKHEAD & Co. as stop besiness and all the Goods, &c., will be sold a STORE, will also be let complete, or sub-Wuchang, British steamer, from Ningpo. For Further Particulars regarding Freight MANUFACTURERS OF by Auction in order that the proceeds may be FR HE MAN ON INSURANCE COM TIMBER. divided to meet the requirements. Toonan, Chinese str., from Hongkong-FIRST CLASS FURNITURE AND and Passage, apply to paid to the Creditors. The shop has no other 6. Kinng-teen, Chinese str., from Ningpo. All can be taken for a year or on Lease. PANY, LIMITED. CARLOWITZ & Co., UPHOLSTERY. liabilities beyond the above mentioned debts, and 6. Store Nordiske, Danish str., from a cruise. For Fu: ther Particulars, apply to THE Undersigned, Agents for Messrs. HEAD OFFI . - HO GRONG. 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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Hongkong, 13th January, 1887. BAN HUP, Esq. ROOMS in CLUB CHAMBERS. Captain Geake, will be despatched as above on COMPLETE BEDECOM SUITES with Elegant. CHAN LI CHOY Esq. | Q. HOI CHUNE, Esq. 7. Hever, German str., from Nagasaki. or about the 22nd instant. Designs of DRESSING CASES. 7. Cito, German str., from Nagasaki. Hongkong, 2nd November, 1886. R. EDUARD JEAN MAX PAQUIN | The Company GRANTS POLICIES on has This Day been admitted a Pariner | MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, The Company GRANTS POLICIES on This Steamer has Superior Accommodation 7. Pekin, British str., from Kinkiang. for Passengers and carries a Doctor and W. C. de Vries British str., from Hankow. BEDDING AND BEDSTEADS. THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON DOUGLAS LA! RAIK & Co. payable at any of its Agencies. WHARF, GODOWN, AND CARGO-Stewardess. Canton, British str., from Hongkong. Hongkong, st February, 1882 in our Firm in China and elsewhere. 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PASSMORE, DEPARTURES STEAMERS REFITTED WITH FIRST CLASS and also Undertake the Re-shipment, delivery Agents for the Sale of their Goods in published by 4, Yuen Wo, British str., for Hankow. into Craft alongside the Wharves, or at any of NOTICE. Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. Ten-SYDENHAM MOUTRIE, Trholstery work. 4, Ingo, German str., for Nagasaki. 39 the principal receiving places on this side at 3 at The Undersigned, Agents for the above Com-Hongkong, 7th September, 1886. NENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID CORSAR & THE PLANOFORTE AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE. Newchwang, British str., for Chefoo. MR. FRIEDRICH. ALEXANDER ALFRED BUESING BROECKELpany, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on Figst-class Godowns at a per Cent. Nett pre-8 Lentie per package. . Wenchow, British str., for Swatow. -Shanghai. Sons, Arbreath. A FONG. PHOTOGRAPHER ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. 12th January, 1887. I, Chin-tung, Chinese str., for Wuhu. 21 MANN, and Mr. JUS US-FRIEDRICH FERRY. A Has just added to his COLLECTION Kiang-teen, Chinese str., for Ningpo. Hongkong, January, 1867. mium per Annum. HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO One of the Company's Steam Launches will HEINRICH HEYN have been admitted of VIEWS some NEW SCENES and Photos. NORTON & Co., Agents. l, Chi-yuen, Chinese str., for Amoy. UTLER, PALMER & Co. PARTNERS in our Firm in Hongkong and STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED. of NATIVE TYPES, copies of which are obtainable | Run Daily (Sundays included) starting punc-Hongkong, 20th May, 1881. 5, Kutsang, British str., for Hongkong. in his Studio or at Mossrs, KELLY & WALSH'S. tuslly from Pedder's Wharf and the Company's NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. China from this date. 6. Kwang-lee, Chinese str., for Hongkong. PUSTAU & Co. AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE, IVORY MINIATURES of Superior Quality and | Wharf at Kowloon, and convey Passengers to The well known Wine Shippers to China, 5, Pao Hua, British str., for Hankow. Hongkong & China, 1st Junuary, 1887. 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SHIP on the 1st January, 1887, as SHARE Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd 6.30 AM, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30 TRAITS are taken in any state of the weather. 5. Kung-pai, Chinese str., for Wuhu. AND GENERAL BROKERS under the Style or Current Rates. SIEMSSEN & Co. GIBB, LIVING STON & Co., February, at THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERand all Permanent Processes, are executed on 11.30, 12.30 P.M., 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30 LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.) Shanghai. 5. Kinng-piau, Chinasa str., for Wenchow. Firm "HUGHES & EZRA." noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of Call attention to some of the Wines and Spirits Moderate Terms. 6.30, 11.00, 12.00. 6. Fu-yew. Chinese steamer, for Foochow. E. JONES HUGHES, the Directors together with a statement of Hongkong, 27th September, 1886. STUDIO-ICE HOUSE LANE. consigned to their care by this well-known For Further Particulars, &c., 6. Yang-tse, French str., for Hongkong. N. N. J. EZRA. Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing 6. 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deaths. At Tientsin, suddenly, on the 27th December, 1886. ELLY, the beloved wife of E. Rehdors. At Shanghai, on the 9th January, 1887, E. G. Mo-BEELT, aged 39 years.

Hongrong, January 18th, 1887.

THE Hon. A. LISTER, in his report Hongkong Post Office for the past year, sounds a note of warning as necessity which will of a few years for a new builddepartment. The present building was finished in 1865. During the twenty-one years which have elapsed since then the business of the Post Office has increased with the growth of the colony and of the foreign trade | together with the Bonds drawn for payment, space have been made by the recently established parcel post, and by the location of the Treasury in the same building. It is not therefore very surprising that the Postmaster-General should complain of want of room and throw out a hint that in the of a few years he will have either for a new building or the addition of another story to the present structure. At the same time the idea cannot be an agreeable one to the ratepayers. The lists of public works required which have a kerosine oil lamp. He was conveyed to the ing to note that the invention is now a quarter of to be Portuguese Consulthers. There are surely been put forward of late years have shown that the finances of the colony will be subjected to a severe strain for many years to come. A new Post Office has not yet been included in those lists, and the mention of such a thing will probably have taken most people by surprise, for the simple reason itself on the notice of the public, practical experience of the inconvenient want of space in the present office being confined to the members of the department. In the present state of the colony's finances the members of occupies the whole of the front page, is the honour remains. Dr. von Stephan, the loss the department will for some years to come have to make shift as best they can with the existing accommodation, though it is evident that if the postal work grows in the future as it has done in the past a new office will become a necessity sooner or later. The most that can be expected of the department is to defer their demand as long as possible.

Service. The Chinese Government, through the Foreign Customs, have proposed to take over, as a step towards the establishment of a national Post Office, the Postal work carried on by the Hongkong Government at eight of the Preaty Ports of Chins. Mr. Lister is decidedly in favour of the pro-He entertains no misgivings as to the success of the proposed scheme, and to step in the path of progress in China. When justify his confidence he refers to the success of the Japanese Post Office, the way in which the Chinese Custome postal agencies have been managed so far, the way in which the whole with which a recent case was settled in the Bri work of the Customs is done, and the manner in which the lighting of the coast of China has been accomplished and maintained. All prisoners having been already in prison for a these, he says, forbid the supposition that year, after which it has been discovered that postal work, which only requires ordinary this must be rendered impossible before extracare and attention, would be unsafe in the territoriality is abolished in Japan. hands of the Customs establishment. We fully concurrenthe Postmaster-General's views | fire brigades on Sunday afternoon, an outbreak on this point. Mr. Lister further says the main consideration to be kept in view is the near the Gough-street steps, in the compation of convenience and welfare of the communities Wing Cheong, foreign goods dealer, and was at the various Treaty Ports, which perhaps of any other nation, the convenience and welfare of their correspondents in other parts any very great damage was done. of the world, and the interests of trade. He adds that the experience of more than eleven inal Sessions, to be held to-morrow (Wedness years in dealing with the only organised day):-Post Office in the Far East (until the Japanese Offices were established) convinces him that it is desirable in these interests to accept the Wang Hol-Shooting with intent to do grievous proposal of the Chinese Government if possible. This is the crucial point in the ques-Would the interests of trade be better served by adopting the Chinese proposal than by maintaining the present system? The Shanghai community have formally express- tists and foreign policy of Japan and China, the already read. ed the opinion that as regards the Model Choya Shimbun (a Tokyo paper) calls on Ja-Settlement these interests would not be betports do not seem to have troubled them. tent with the existing postal facilities, especally at Foothow and Amoy, has been could carry on a postal service much more which labours under various disadvantages

not only as it toughes the interests of trade satisfied with Jeran.

several of the Postal Agencies, specially man C.F. Kavier, who shot himself through the mouth on the Race Course on Tuesday afternoon, but also as a financial question. As regards. those of Amoy and Foechow, it has been felt, has not succumbed to the results of his feelish Mr. Lieren tells us, that the existing condi- setion. He has made rapid progress towards tion of affairs could not be allowed to go on, Hospital. He was taken up to the Magistracy and that, unsatisfactory as it might be for yesterday morning and charged with having Hongkong to be saddled with the whole exnense of improving these Agencies, improved has not been found, and is still somewhere in the they must be-or abolished. The Estimates man's head, where it will probably remain. for this year would accordingly have embodied provision for a considerable increase of staff at Amoy, had not the Chinese proposal been made. If the maintenance of the postal agencies at Chinese ports entails a financial loss to this colony, as would seem to be the case from the tone in which Mr. Listen writes, it would be doubly advantageous if the Chinese Imperial Maritime another column will be found a letter from Custome could, while providing a better service, at the same time relieve Rongkong of financial responsibility for which she secures fine vessel at the time of the accident and a well [22] no equivalent advantages.

The following is the return of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending 16th January :- Europeans, 232; Chinese, 1,951

The Portuguese gunboat Tamega, with His Excellency Governor Costs, family, and A.D.C. on board, left here for Macao yesterday morning. We note that business in cassis in the Canton market is still at a standstill owing to the disputes between the Cassia Guild and the Native Anthorities.

We are requested to announce that the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company's Saigon-Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should Singapore cable has been restored, and the line

> Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, which was registered at the beginning of this mont is quoted in our share list to-day at 10 per cent.

The Japanese barque Chihaya Maru, which arrived here on Sanday, brought a cargo of 500 tons of Tayeyama coal from Locchoo, the first forms us that he only joined the Audacious on cargo of coal from those islands received in the 7th January, 1886, and is still serving in ber. Hongkong.

submitted the necessary application to the Chi- tracted without suspicion of its correctness, but nese Consul at that port for approval. The manufacture of matches in Kobs and try. The Kobe Nippo says a Mr. Hata Ginbei but our London contemporary has mistaken the

and two other residents of Kobe have established man, the ship, and the station. a match factory on the banks of the Minstothe growing needs of his gaws. The daily production will at first be about twenty cases. We would direct attention to the advertisement in another column in reference to the Chi-

nese Imperial Government 1885 Dollar Loan. that the interest due this day on the said loan, of China, and of late further demands on its | will be paid at the offices of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China from to-day. Referring to the tea trade in Germany, which to effect their ends. They have not refrained it reports to be more active at present, Kuhlow from leaguing themselves with the agricul-

says:-"The sale is already far larger than at tural interest for the sole purpose of adding the same time last year. The consumption of to the number, if not the intelligence, of their tea is making its way gradually in Germany, though the task of custing the time-honoured coffee will be a very difficult-indeed, an im-

the Tung Wah Hospital on the b dy of a man a hazardous experiment." named Chang Awo. The deseased, who lived at No. 242. Hollywood-road, was very severely

7.30 o'clock. The following is the programme: - Reis received warm recognition at a meeting of

descriptive of a day's holiday at Port Hamilton, Master General, acquired the first telephone of and represents some very amusing experiences of | tin constructed by Reis, and it is to be seen in the rambler. The other sketch represents the the interesting Post Museum. Reis died on Leander passing a Russian transport in the January 14th, 1874.

We are informed that the Agents (Messrs. Melchers & Co.) have received advices to the offect that the German barque Anton Gunther. which left Sandakan on the 23rd October with a cargo of timber for this port and was obliged to put into Tourane leaking through Mr. LISTER deals in his report with the stress of weather, was to leave the latter port for yesterday afternoon. The first was one of the question of the proposed Chinese Postal Hongkong on the 7th instant, the vessel having provisioned afresh and whatever possible temperary repairs having been effected.

> We note that in the memorial to the Throne from the Vicercy of Chihli announcing his inrefers to the fact that as that city is now connected by telegraph with Tientsin and Shanghai, it is very accessible, and he can be communicated with readily if necessary. This statement in the official organ marks one important will a railway line in China be referred to in similar terms in the Pekina Gazette?

The Hiege News says that it is no wonder that and Mr. Warren, R.N. The two proved to be the Japanese were astonished by the rapidity tish Court in Yokohama, considering that the preliminary examination of certain Japanese political prisoners is only just completed, these seventeen of them are innocent. Such abuses as

There was very nearly another summons of the occurring which was fortunately nipped in the bud. It was in a godown in Queen's road Central, caused by some accident to a kerosine lamp. The place was full of very combustible material, and include more of our fellow-countrymen than there was great danger of a serious fire. Fortunately there were coveral men in the place at the time, and the flames were got under before

Tam Yuk Kwai—Enticing a woman away from the Li Aying and Tang Ang-Bringing a woman into

Chan Akum and Loung Awai—Larceny and shooting, with intent to do grievous bodily harm. Chan Akum—Shooting with intent to murder.

Tan Ayang and four others—Being in possession of goods taken by pirates: In a series of articles comparing the diploma-

panese statesmen to maintain a resolute and unyielding attitude towards their conceited and The defendant's contention was that when he ter served. The communities at the other arrogant neighbour on the west. Contrasting was made a party it was stipulated and agreed the diplomatic skill of Japanese with Chinese that his liability was to be limited to the amount statesmen, our contemporary concludes that the of his interest in the property, while the plainselves much about the matter, but discon- former must acknowledge their inferiority. The tiff claimed that there was no such limit to his fire raged uncontrolled and was only arrested reasons for this are topbe found, first, in the fact liability. There was no statement of any such when some houses had been pulled down. About that Chins has been longer than Japan in con- limit on the deed, and the question was whether thirty-five shops were destroyed including tast with foreign nations, and, secondly, that there was not agreement between the parties at chronic for many years past. There can be the Japanese are lacking in courage and de the time the deed was signed. The agreement no doubt that at these places, whatever may cision. Comparing further the foreign relations was drawn up for all parties by Mr. A. P. Stokes, perished, as they were well stocked shops, most-be said of Shanghai, the Chinese Customs of the two Powers at the present moment, the who said it embodied all the instructions he relations was drawn up for all parties by Mr. A. P. Stokes, perished, as they were well stocked shops, most-be said of Shanghai, the Chinese Customs of the two Powers at the present moment, the who said it embodied all the instructions he re-Choya holds that here also China is in a better ceived. Mr. Stokes's depositions previously taken of the loss has not yet transpired. The fire was position than Jupan, for while both Germany stated he was under the impression that his insatisfactorily than the Hongkong Government, and England court the favour of the former, terpreter informed him there was some difficulty the lat. is wood by none. If Germany about Ho Yuk Tong desiring to limit his liability seems to be influenced by a slight feeling of to the amount of his interest in the property. set out at length in Mr. Listen's letter to the friendship, that is due only to a do ire to extend The parties themselves, however, gave no in the fire is at present unknown. Government and which is appended to his the market for her goods, and even the United structions to that effect, States, which hitherto had evinced a kindly dis- A number of witnesses were called on either

Contrary to the fears at first entertained, the recovery, and yesterday he was able to leave the made an attempt upon his own life. The case was remanded, bail being allowed. The built of his eyes appears to be very much injured, the sight being possibly gone for ever.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer Saghalien. which was out down to the water's edge on the afternoon of the 29th November by the P. M. steamer City of Peking when the latter was making for her buoy, came out of dook yesterday at noon, having completed her repairs in a most thorough manner. The Saghalien was docked at Sam Shui Po on the night of the 31st November last. In Captain Homery, characteristic of his courteous nation, containing a graceful acknowledgment of the willing assistance proffered to him and his

The United States corvette Essex, Commander Jewell, arrived here yesterday from Manilato join the Squadron on this station. The following is a list of her officers :- Commander, Theodore F. Jewell; Lieut.-Commander and Executive Officer. George A. Bicknell : Lieut. and Navigator, A. V. Wadhams; Lieut. C. D. Galloway; Lieuts. (junior grade), H. C. Gearing and B. T. Walling Ensigns, A. F. Fechteler, H. C. Poundstone, Hugh Rodman, W. B. Hoggatt, and F. H. Loomis; Chief Engineer, G. W. Stivers; Surgeon, J. A. Hawke; First Lieut. U. S. Marines. R. Wainwright; Past Asst. Paymaster, H. Smith; Past Asst. Engineer, John K. Barton Assist Engineers, D. W. C. Redgrave and S. Arnold; Paymaster's Clerk, M. D. Darnell.

We vesterday morning received a letter from The stock of the Hongkong and Kowloon Mr. Henry W. Braddon, Assistant Paymaster. R.N., H. B. M. Audacious, calling attention to the reproduction in our columns of an extract from the London and China Express of the 10th ult, in which Mr. Braddon was stated to have absconded from H. M. S. Audacious last commission, and that he was about to be tried by court martial at Portsmonth. Mr. Braddon in-We can only say that we sincerely regret having unwittingly been made the means of repeating a The Japan Garctic says that some Chinese re- false and groundless statement, and heartily idents at Yokohama propose to form a trading apologise to Mr. Braddon for giving him the company on the joint stock principle and have trouble to contradict it. The paragraph was exthe unfortunate error will render us more careful to verify such statements in the future. There is a charge pending against a Paymaster,

The following note on the silver question appears in Kuhlow's Trade Review of the 8th ult. -- The recent sale by the German Government of a large amount of silver to a foreign State has naturally greated a good deal of interest and controversy. The step may be intended as a gentle intimation to the bimetallists that their agitation is not approved of in high quarters. At any rate the cause of bimetallism has suffered thereby a severe blow. The bimetallists have been moving heaven and earth in order following. But all has been of no avail. The Government has no idea of changing the standard. It has said so before in words, and now it repeats its declaration in acts. The sale of silver is a clear proof that Prince Bismarck is An inquest was held yesterday afternoon at not at present prepared to commit Germany to

Now that the telephone is being successfully burned on the 25th ult. owing to the bursting of brought into use in Hongkong it may be interest-Tung Wah Hospital, and ultimately sank under a century old. In December, 1861, Philipp Reis his injuries. A verdict of accidental death was announced his invention at a meeting of the Physical Association at Frankfort-on-Main, and on that occasion the first public trial took place. The Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment | The distance at which messages were conveyed to serve their country. will play at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, was 100 metres, and the result was less interestthis avening, the 18th instant, commencing at ling than surprising to the spectators. In 1864 . Scholes. | naturalists at Giessen, but the invention fell in-"I Motechie Capuletti" Bellini. to the background for some time. When in 1877 by degrees that the claims of Reis were acknowledged. Many physicists and mechanicians pro-The last number of the Graphic contains tended to have invented the telephone before two further contributions by that industrious Reis and Bell, one claiming a priority of 14 amateur artist Mr. C. C. Cole, Staff Pay- years. But it has been impossible to establish master of H.M.S. Leander. One of these shadowy claims, and to Reis undoubtedly

THE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Two more of the preliminary heats of this tournament were played off on the Cricket Ground second round-between E. J. Coxon and Capt. Porter. There was a large attendance of spectators, including H. E. the Acting Governor and Mrs. Marsh, and those present were rewarded for their trouble by the sight of tended journey to Paoting fu, His Excellency capital game. Coxon was a very strong favourite, but the game was nevertheless well fought out. Captain Porter was very steady and almost every game was close. Coxon won the first set by six to three, and after changing sides won the second set also by six to three.

The players were both heartily applauded. The second match was between G. S. Coxon well matched, winning alternate games the whole way along the firsts st, and making a deuce set of it. Warren then won the set by seven to five. A feature in Warren's play was the use he made \$140.07. of either hand with equal facility. The next set was won by Coxon by 6 to 2. In the deciding set Warren made a hard fight of it and at one time looked like winning, but fell off towards the end, Coxon gaining the set by 6 to 4.

> SUPREME COURT. 17th January.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE HON. SIR GEORGE PHILLIPP

CHIEF JUSTICE.

v. Ho YUK TONG.

Mr. Mackean, instructed by Messra. Wotton and Descon, for the plaintiffs; Mr. Francis Q.C., instructed by Messrs. Caldwell and Wil kinson, for the defendant.

Mr. Mackean said this case had been previous- two ports. ly before the court, and the matter had been referred to the Registrar in order that he might report what accounts had been received in respect of the mortgage. In consequence of the nature of the Registrar's report he wished to amend the amount of the plaintiff's claim from \$3,044.18 to \$2,002.92. The petition in this case had been

The question in dispute was as to the liability of the defendant in connection with a mortgage.

report. But the question affects Hongkong position, do not any longer appear to be quite side, and after hearing the syldence his Lordship

POLICE COURT. 17th January.

BEFORE MB. N. G. MITCHELL-INNES.

UNLAWPUL SLAUGHTERING. Li Yee lessee of mutton stall No. 120 Central Market, was summoned at the instance of Mr. Quincey, Inspector of arkets, on a charge of having slaughtered and dressed two sheep in a place other than the slaughter house set apart for the purpose viz., the Jowish Synagogue at

23, Staunton-street. The defendant admitted the offence, and Worship discharged him with a caution. DRUNEENNESS.

Peter Andersen, seaman, was fined half dollar for having been drunk and incapable in the streets on Sunday. OPIUM CASES. Wong A Ss, and Wong Afuk, coolies, for un

Lai Kwai, seaman, in default of a fine of 35 went to gad for a week for a like offence. Chau Ayik, coolie, on asimilar charge, was fined 2, and in default was sent to gael for a month.

licensed possession of prepared opium, were fined

Loung Aking, fireman, was convicted of stealng a bed coverlet, value 33, from the servant's quarters of Mr. Guedea's house, and he was sen. | On London .tenced to six weeks' hard labour.

EARBING SHATCHING. Ching Achong, hawker, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a pair of earrings from the person of a married woman named Chung Ayee in the street on the 16th inst. and he was sentenced to six months 12

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.] THE REPAIR OF THE M. M. STEAMER "SAGHALIEN"

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS." SIB.—The Saghalien has been taken out from the dock this day at noon, totally and perfectly

repaired. It is, Sir, with feelings of sincere admiration, after the help I received from the maritime population, in the instance of the scoident which hapsened to my ship, that I am pleased to acknowedge the fact that everywhere England spreads | Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limitedher powerful organisation; she brings with her energetic means and useful institutions for the China Traders' Insurance Company's Sharesimpartial development of trade.

I have just come from the Cosmopolitan Dock, where I have practically experienced the capsbilities of the port and where I met with good Could you publish these few lines, Sir, which express the real feeling of a foreigner to your enterprising port of Hongkong? and receive overy thanks from your most obliged servant,

> J. HOMERY, Naval officer in command of the French mail steamer Saghalien.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1887.

MACAO.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT. 15th January.

At last a notification has appeared in the Macao Government Gazette announcing that the Portuguese Consulate at Shanghai has been temporarily placed in the hands of Signor A. Tescari Italian Consul, Consul Carvalho having ceased many Portuguese gentlemen quito fit to undertake the duties of Consul at Shanghai, and it is strange that none of them has been called upon

His Excellency Senhor Costs has done well in ordering the cancellation of the decree issued by Consul Carvalho at Shanghai in August last for dealing in lotteries. The decree was wrongly test of all the other Consuls.

also been transferred to the care of the U.S.

A notice has been issued by the Harbour Master, Sr. da Costa e Silva, contradicting the foolish rumour that the Government or the Fish Farmer has decided to charge 30 taels on each fishing junk that wishesto come to Macao for the China New Year. This rumour has probably been circulated with a view to drive all the junk people from our shores. The Harbour Master deserves great praise for his prompt and judicious action in the matter.

It makes one sad to read the speech delivered by the late President of the Municipal Chamber on the occasion of his handing over the affairs of the Chamber to the new members. It is to be hoped that the new President, Sr. Domingos C. Pacheco, will be able to bring the Chamber up once more to the flourishing condition which it enjoyed in former years. In the course of his speech the ex President said that the Chamber was indebted to Sr. Silva on the 31st December last for loans at 7 or 8 per cent. interest obtained from that gentleman. Sr. Pacheco has already served as President two or three times and has always conducted the business of the Chamber with credit to himself; it is to be hoped that he will this time be able to give equal satisfaction.

The Post Office receipts for the month ending 31st December amounted to 119,065 Reis, or 17th January.

His Excellency the Governor, Senhor José Firmino da Costa, with Sra. Costa and son, and A.D.C., left here on Saturday morning for a visit to your port by the gunboat Tamega, and will return to-day. The annual settling day being near at band,

and owing to the dulness of business that has prevailed lately, many failures have been declared amongst the Chinese shopkeepers and others. The German steamer Alwine is reaping a good harvest by plying between this and your port; she leaves either place at 11 a.m. on alternate days, with a full cargo. The traffic pays well, and is enough to keep two bosts running, as the The following is the calendar for the Crim. CHEUNG YUR TING AND CHEUNG SHIU SHAN large fleet of fast-boats which used to do the carrying trade have stopped for some time in consequence of lekin taxes and other imposts. The favourite steamboat Kinking is hardly capable of doing all the cargo traffic, between the

OANTON.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT. 17th January.

Yesterday morning in the small hours a fire broke out in a shop in Yuen Chong Street in the Western Suburb, which soon spread to the Foother .. adjoining houses and burnt with amazing fiercemess. The fire brigades turned out and did all in their power to stay the flames, but for a time the these pulled down. A large amount of property perished, se they were well stocked shops, mostgot under control about 5.30 s.m Several of the firemen were injured by the falling in of a The Barometer has fallen except in Wladinastonk. wall, but no fatality occurred. The origin of

Brigadier-General Shenng Chopg-mow, the second in command of the Manchu troops in this city, has received a telegram ordering him

to Peking to have an audience with the Emperor. Presumably this means another appoint. ment and probably promotion.

I hear that Liu Yung fu, the Black Flag leader, is expected back in Cautan at the end of February or the beginning of March next. There seems no reason to connect him in any Direction of wind. way with the recent outrages on the French Boundary Commission, but it is probable that he would vastly prefer to remain in Kwangsi, which is his native province, and to be near the scene of his old exploits on the Tonquin border. The Peking Government do not, however, apparently. care to trust him in that neighbourhood again at all in command of troops.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 17th January.

Quotations are:-This year's New Malwa...\$500 per picul, alloe, of \$15, and in default were committed to gaol for Liast year's New Malwa .. 8520 per pioul, alloe. of Patna (New)\$5424 to 545 per chest. Benares (New) 5221 nom.

EXCHANGE.

Telegraphic Transfer3/4 Bank Bills on demand341 Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 3/42 Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/44 Credits, at 4 months' sight3/44 Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight3/5 ON PARIS.--Bank Bills, on demand4.22 Credits, at 4 months' sight4.32 On New York.— Bank Bills, on demand......8 BOMBAY.-Telegraphic Transfer222‡ Bank, on demand223 ON CALCUTTA .---ON SHANGHAL ---

SHARES. Quotations are:---Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares-159 per cent. premium, sellers.

Bank, at sight71

Private, 30 days' sight723

\$83 per share. \$66 per share. North China Insurance-Tls. 280 per share. Vangtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 114 per

practical means, every care, and much urbanity. Chinese Insurance Company, Limited-\$180 per On Tai Insurance Company, Limited-Tls. 148 per share. Canton Insurance Office, Limited -- \$75 per share, ex div., seliers. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares-

\$4275 per sbare. China Fire Insurance Company's Shares-\$91 per share, sellers. Hongkong and Whampos Dock Company Shares-121 per cent pren Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s

Shares—382 per cent. prem. Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares-5 per cent. discount, sellers. China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited -30 per cent. discount, nominal. Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—\$46

per share. Hongkong Gas Company's Shares-\$125 pe Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares-\$195 per China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-8124

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$58 Hongkong Ice Company's Shares-\$40 per Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company

←\$20 per share, buvers. Punjom and Sunghie Dua Samantan Mining Company, Limited—\$142 per share, buyers.

mited-552 per share. The Portuguese Consulate at Nagasaki has Hongkong and Macso Glass Manufacturing Co., Limited -60 per cent. discount. Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., ferent times claim to be British or Chinese

Limited.—10 per cent. prem., buyers. subjects us best suited their convenience. a Singapore Insurance Company, Limited.—322 good deal may be said in favour of a regisper share. tration which to a Briton by birth is natural-Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A-2 per cent

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B-6 per cent. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-8 per cent. in some casos, where he is resident in

Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886 E-5 per cent. Chinese Imperial Government 1885 Dollar Loan -3 per cent. premium.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE. (Frox Masses, Parcours & Co.'s Requires.) January 17th. Thermometer-Maximum65

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

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feet cheverers of the tide-gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard; and the Low-water Ordinary Spring-Tides, to which datum the heights in these Tables are referred, as 5.5% feet above The heights in the Tables marked with a minus (--) sign are below Low-Water Ordinary Spring Tides, and should be subtracted from the constants given above.

CHINA COAST METEOROLÓGICAL REGISTER. 16th January, 1897, at i r.w.

1745 January, 1887, at 10 a.m.

dients for N.E. winds are moderate in the South. The temper-ture is moderate, the huminity high, and the weather W. DOBERCK.

METEOROLOGICAL BEGISTER.

Previous On date On date at 10 a.m. at 4 p.m. Barometer Force of wind

1.—Barowayas reduced to 32 degrees Fuhrenheit and to the level of the sea in toches, touths and hundredths.
2.—Temperatures in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3.—Humpiry in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturature with moisture being 100. eir saturature with moisture being 100.

4.—Discoulder of the Wind to two points.

5.—Force of the Wind according to Beaufort Scale.

6.—State of the Windthes; B. blue sky; C. detached clouds; D. driesling rain; F. fog; G. gloomy; H. hail; L. lightning; C. overcest; P. passing showers; Q. squally; R. rain; S. mow; T. thunder; V. visibility; W. daw (wet).

7.—Rais in inches, tenths said bundredths.

W. DOBERCK.

NEWS FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Hongkong Observatory, 17th January, 1887.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

PARIS, 3rd January. The official speeches made at the receptions or New Year's Day all showed pacific tendencies. The French journals announce that a complete understanding has been arrived at between M Forry and M. de Freyoinet.

LONDON, 7th January. Lord Iddesleigh, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has resigned. The Marquis of Salisbury has been appointed Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, 10th January Regency to the Powers stating that the Bulmaintain their independence.

. LONDON, 12th January On the assembling of the Reichstag, Prince Bismarck insisted upon the bill for the increase of the Army being passed, for he said though Germany's relations with all foreign powers were friendly, war with France is inevitable. Lord Cross has been appointed Secretary of State for India. This surely should read that Lord Cross has

character placed on it by Dr. Gowan. been re-appointed to the post.—ED. D. P.] Lord Lidesleigh has died suddenly.

CANTON, 16th January, 11.30 a.m. A fire broke out in Yuen Chong Street about three o'clock this morning. More than forty shops have been destroyed, and the fire burned the Race Course on Tuesday afternoon, the very fiercely. Yuen Chong Street is in the Western suburb the site of Messrs. Russell & Co.'s old houg.

months ago.—Ed. D. P.] THE BRITISH-MINISTER IN SIAM

AND THE BRITISH RESIDENTS. In another column we publish a letter by

Dr. Gowan, of Bangkok, in which H.B.M. Minister Resident and Consul General is ter muster than usual of the former, while round administration of justice in a suit where the spectators, including some ladies, for whom a plaintiff is known to have offered opposition | tent was, as usual, specially set apart. At to him and the defendant has not. As our the start the Southrons outnumbered their readers are aware, there has for some little opponents-12 to 11, but after the first point ference to an order requiring them to register themselves at the Consulate, a fee being had to retire hurt, his thumb being put out Siam the opposition is not only serious, but has led to personal reflections and recriminations which might usefully and easily have been avoided. The opponents of the registration system lay the whole blame of the introduction of the obnoxious order on Mr. is a very minor point in the phase the dis-8. Watson & Co., Limited-32 per cent. are a large number of Chinese who in Celts, and having broken through the Sassenschs the absence of such a system might at dif-

> long journey and absence from business for some weeks, is one that might easily have been met, and no doubt will be met, by some or memorial addressed to Mr. Sarow in reference to the order the absence of certain names from the list of signatories was explained on the ground that the bearers of those names were afraid that if they signed litigants in the Consular Court. The inference was obvious, namely, that Mr. SATOW, in his judicial enpacity, might be corrupted by compliance with or opposition to his views as the case might be; in other words, that he would not impartially administer justice without fear, favour, or affection, Now, as Dr. Gowan says, a magistrate who, from any motive whatever, perverts or unnecessarity delays the course of justice, Corrie Jones, and their verdicts gave general proves himself simply less greedy of gain, satisfaction. The sides were as follow:not less a mischievous public enemy, then the magistrate who receives a bribe. Such | Hayllar (back) being the nature of the insinuation, Mt. D. Saunders) SATOW not unnaturally resented it, and in Holworthy his reply characterised the passage of the Liout Bramwell | backs Liout Anderson letter in which it was made as improper; in. Cornish decent, and impertment. It might possibly Lieut. Broke have been more dignified to have simply Lieut. Edmonds ignored the insinuation altogether, but, Potts is we have said, Mr. SATOW's rescutment of it was certainly not unnatural. Dr. Gowan now writes a letter for publication in our columns the object of which is to show nesty was well-founded, and that the pass- played between teams representing the above age in the memorialists' letter in which it sides on the Race Course ground on Thursday was expressed was at once proper, decent, afternoon, the 13th instant. There was and pertinent. Dr. Gowan fights in the a gord assemblage of spectators round the open; signing his own name, and we think ground, and a fair master of players. The Mr. SAT w himself will admit that the doctor Garrison team was considerably the heavier, and has fairly stated all the material circumstances-at least we, judging from a distance and having no bias one way or the other-

imagine he must have done so, for his state-

Siamese subject he has undoubtedly right to appear as plaintiff in an action in the British Consular Court against a British subject; but if he he a British subject the. fact of his not complying with a Consular order to register himself as such would justify the Consular Authorities in refusing to allow the case to proceed untilhe had so registered. That Mr. MIONELLIS & British subject is clear from the fact that he was the gentleman who called the meeting to protest against the registration system, a matter with which he could have had no concern if be were a Siamese subject. From Mr. SATOW'S point of view, therefore, he would necessarily be a subject for registration, and the Minister would be justified in taking advantage of Mr. MICHELL's appearance be-Fore the Court to enforce compliance with the order, or to call upon him to show that be claimed another nationality. Dr. Gowan says the British Consular Court in Siam is by treaty, and until now has been in practice, an open Court where persons of all nationalities could enter actions against British subfeets without being required to produce evidence of their nationality. Here, we think, our correspondent has rather overstated the fact. We cannot refer to any express provision to show that it is necessary s plaintiff should prove his nationality, but it seems only reasonable, since a person fulling to register himself is not entitled to be recognised or protected as a British subject, to infer that the Court has the power in any case of calling for a statement from the plaintiff as to whether he saes as a British subject or as a foreigner. Even granting for the sake of argument that a con-A circular note has been addressed by the trary contention could be established, it will be admitted, we think, that the view garians were resolved to defend their rights and | we have maintained is so reasonable prima facie that no official could be accused of mald fides because he followed that view. According to our contention Mr. Sarow was fully justified in the course be took, but assuming our contention to be wrong the most he could be charged with would be an error of judgment. From no point of view does his conduct appear te us to bear the sinister

FOOTBALL.

11th instant, between sides representing Eng-

SASSENACHS v. CELTS. A match under Engby rules was played on

land on the one side against the repre-This street was the scene of a large fire some sentatives of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales on the other under the above titles. This was the first distinct match of the season, the preceding ones being merely games between sides picked up on the ground, and there was an increased interest in the game both among players and the general public. There was a betaccused of having improperly delayed the the ground there was quite a large gathering of time back been an agitation going on had been scored they lost one of their charged for such registration. A similar of the socket. This made the sides even as order is and has long been in force at the to number, but the balance of play remained in Treaty Ports of China and Japan, where oc- favour of the Sassanachs, who kept their oppocisionally its legality has been called in sounts pouned for the greater part of the first question, but it has generally been submit- half. Jackson made the first good run, but was ted to without very serious opposition. In stopped before getting over the goal line. Soon afterwards, however, he got the ballagain kicked out from a loose scrimmage and after a capital run, got a touch down in fair position. Holwortly essayed the try, but the result was adjudged a poster. Jackson then had to retire Sarow, whereas that gentleman says he is hart. Holworthy, as usual, was playing in fine acting under instructions from the Secretary style, and making some pretty runs. He of State for Foreign Affairs. This, however, managed, after two or three good attempts, to get over the goal line, and Sa unders, from the honour of a high Paish official is direct. a difficult position, kicked the first goal ly involved. We de tot propose to-day for the Sassenscha. With the exception of two to discuss the question of registration touches down in self defence by the Celts this on its merits, but May remark in passing was all the scoring done before half time. After that in a country like Siam, where there that the battle for once went in favour of the side of a scrimmage, they carried the ball along the ground dribbling, almost in a body over the Southrons goal line, but it only resulted in a touch down in self defence. After this the y annoying; also that the objection that scoring was all the other way; the scrimmages the personal attendance at the Consulate were fairly evenly balanced, but the Southrons of the person to be registered would were stronger behind, and a series of most brilliant runs were then made by Saunders from remote parts of the country, necessitate a three quarter back. Three times by his artful dodging he slipped through the bands of the Celts, and carried the ball past the whole special regulation in reference to such cases. field beyond their goal line. Two of these We come now to the personal question, and touches down he converted into goals. The to the very grave charge against Mr. Sarow third was made in a very difficult position made by Dr. Gowan in his letter. In a letter to kick from, and though Holworthy made a capital shot for goal he just failed. Soon after this time was called, and the match thus ended in a victory for the Sassensche by three goals, three tries, and two touches down in self defencethe letter their interests might be pre- The play was of a most interesting character. judiced should they ever have to appear as | and those who went down to see the match were well repaid for their trouble. The forward play was very even, but in passing and running the Southrons were superior, having on the whole probably, a more intimate acquaintance with the Rugby game than their opponents; and it was to this superiority that they owed their success. Some of the passing was exceedingly pretty. The Umpires were Lieut. Metcalle and Mr.

> SASSENACHS. Lieut Graham (back) Lient. Lawrie, ? back Lockhart | backs Dickson 🕽 Dr. Thompson Mitchell-Innes F. H. May E. W. Brown GABRISON v., CLUB.

A match under Association Rules was for the greater part of the game the play ruled very much in their favour, the Club goal being often in danger. For a time play was ment is such that the verdict of the impartial pretty even in the centre of the ground, reader must inevitably be against the con- but afterwards it went towards the Club tention Dr. Gowan bases on that statement. goal, and by some good passing the ball was Mr. E. B. MICHELL is an English barrieter got near the centre. The Club goal man ran resident in Si un who has refused to register out to get the ball, missed it, and's goal seemed himself in the British Legation, and who almost inevitable when Coxon made a rush, and claims to be under Siamese jurisdictiont by a fine kick over the goal line just saved it.
This claim has never been allowed by This resulted in a corner kick, and after some entered an action recently in the Con- hard play Collinson got the ball past the goal

sular Court against a British subject, keeper between the posts, first score to Gar-The Minister-Resident and Consul-General rison. No more scoring took place till half refused to entertain the suit unless Mr. time, but the Club goal was often in danger, and MICHELL proved bimself to be a Siamese two dangerous attempts were just stalled off by subject. It is not usual in Consular Courts the goal keeper. After half time the Garrison to demand proof of the nationality of the phintiff; the defendant's, of course, must either be proved or admitted, otherwise the jurisdiction of the court would remain doubt- centre of the goal, and Breeks, by a very clever ful. But circumstances alter onsee, and the kick, got it in. Not long after the leather came circumstances in this instance were such, is up to the Club goal again, and Bramwell carried seems to us, as to justify Mr. Sarow in the it through in good style, The. Club then

If Mr. Stought he a will stone strong strong at the Garrison

keeper, saved his side each time, and a neat! rather hardly pressed, time was called. The Garrison had the advantage of a splendid goal in a victory for the Garrison by three goals to nil: The following were the sides:-

GARRISON. Singer (goal) Cornish (goal) Lt. Mills backs Wallace (back) N. R. S. Crawford } & Havller | backs Lt. Broke Lt. Edmonds } backs Havllar Dr. Thompson Mao't n'osh Mitchell-Innes Lt. Anderson for-Lt. Bramwell Nilkie warde Capt. Collinson Lt. Graham Bruch-Robertson E. J. Coron Lt. Brocks ORIOKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB v. HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Club, team winning the toss, were ready hour not even one member of the Jockev Glub eleven had appeared to give some reason for the non-arrival of his ten brothren. However, by 12 o'clock four had sauntered down, and with all the available coolies and most of the Club eleven fielding as substitutes, a start was made, Scanlan and Bush facing the bowling of Darby Bush. When Travers and Lloyd got together however, the leather began to fly in earnest, and the score rose to 102 before Lloyd was well taken by Potts in the out field for a cleanly hit 37. Travers followed immediately, being neatly stumped by Robertson. Barif and Coxon rattled down the remaining four wickets without a run being added, Barff taking

three wickets in five overs for seven runs. The two Coxons opened for the Jockey Club, Stewart disposing of the younger brother for 10, therities. Mr. Michell entered an action on the ceives in payment. He must have been persisted for her armament and appliances, the score standing at 33. Barff followed and 28th December, 1886, in the British Consular tently robbed by his elder brother for some and that she was insured for 1,200,000 yen. Even, 50 was up before G. S. Coxon had to retire for a good 32. The seventh wicket to fall was Barff he had one bad life. When the ninth wicket no official was present except the constable, to of the Censors to bring before the throne, and we other commissioned officers, three non-commisfell five runs were required to win, four of which whom he paid the fee of ten dollars for entering shall watch future issues of the Peking Gazetts sioned officers and four sailors, making a total were obtained, the game anding in a tie.

T. S. Smith bowled steadily, taking five fielding of the Club team was good, especially when wanted to save runs at the finish.

The following is the score :--CRICKET CLUB.

P. W. Bush, b Darby 11 C. P. Pedler, not out... BOWLING ANALTSIS. Balls, Runs, Maidone, Wickets, Wides Darby 50 E. J. Coxon... 82 Barff 25 JOCKEY OLUB. E. J. Coxon, h Stewart 10 G. S. Coxon, b S. Smith R. M. Ramsey, not out
J. D. Saunders, I b w, b Bush
Major Davies, C Scaulan, b S. Smith BOWLING ANALYSIS. Balls, Runs, Maidens, Wickets, Wides, Stewart..... S. Smith 72 Graham.....

FIRES IN HONGKONG.

During the past week the fire bell has given out at a shark fins dealer's shop, No. 16, Sai Wooriginated, which was completely destroyed, and \ in about an hour it was practically over. The l

were slightly damaged. same day another fire broke out in the Western your obedient servant, District, at the upper corner house at the western end of Second-street, Sai Ying Pun, a shop used for the manufacture of tea chests. Being stored with plenty of very combustible material the house was soon one mass of flames, which were not long in communicating themselves to the next house. They not only did this, but they poured across the street in such a volume that they ignited the window shutters of the opposite house, although the street is a opinion that one of his great objects was to bring lieve they would do strict justice to all parties public auction, the property known as the reand a wooden shade over the ground floor front wide one. At such a distance from the centre of about an arrangement with the Portuguese People in China are very much at the mercy of maining portion of Marine lot No. 57, situate to the town, near the Gas Works, it was some time authorities under which Macao could not develope their enemies. before the fire engines could be got down to the into a dangerous smuggling depôt for the south Another thing wanted in China is that the some sum of \$265,000. scene of the outbreak, and being a bit up the of China. We are now assured, on good authority, money allowed by law should reach subordinates There is a notice posted at the Police Station water to bear upon the flames. The manual has approved of the principal clauses of a treaty ing a portion of wages is almost universal. In one who will give such information as will lead such as a commanded since its argument. water to bear upon the names. The manual has approved to the principal and china, which was negother the army it is common to find an officer drawing to the arrest of Otto Baumann, who is wanted the manual tion—under the orders of the miserable creatures to the army it is common to find an officer drawing to the arrest of Otto Baumann, who is wanted the miserable creatures to the army it is common to find an officer drawing to the arrest of Otto Baumann, who is wanted the miserable creatures. manual were earliest on the scene, and at tiated by the last Governor of Macao, Senhor da an allowance of say three to five tacks per month in New York for forgery. A very full and com-whom H.E. appoints to the head of affairs in the work pumping water on the flames. By Roza and Sir Robert Hart; and also that Se- for twice the number of men he keeps in camp, plete description is appended of the man, who is the time the Government and Volunteer nhor de Rosa has been appointed Minister Plani and then taking a portion of each man's allow- a Gorman and a linguist, together with a photosteam fire engines were got to work the fire was potentiary for Portugal to Chica. The princi- ance for himself. General Gordon had much graph.

the outbreak.

On Saturday morning the 15th inst., another serious conflagration took place Queen's-road West. The scene of the outbreak was No. 48. Queen's-road West, s spread of the fiames. Besides this a great quantary was now no longer his brother student recalled from America that the prejudice | Wong Ahoi, supposed to be one of the asof the houses at the back, and this inflammable When the younger Li came of age he married cause impossible things were expected of them, committed for trial a few days ago on a charge which was the private property of the Telegraph This very singular rapprochement between the ber, or with some permanent structures, which is not to be dispossessed, and the younger one, forts by failing to understand the very means cerned with two others in stealing a pair of ear. hands.

origin of the fire is not known. No. 48, where it would have pleaded in his favour. But the started, is an arms and general foreign goods Governor of Honan, who reports the case to store, and there was a good deal of gunpowder in the throne, evidently takes no account of the the place, which was fortunately ignited by provocation which Li Knei-chang received. The instalments. It was insured in a Hamburg only difficulty which troubles him in passing senoffice for \$3,000.

CORRESPONDENCE.

expressed by our Correspondents. | . THE ADMINISTRATION OF BRITISI

JUSTICE IN SIAM.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinio)

highly indignant concerning a passage in a let. have had to be punished for the minor offence Meiji Marn have been sent to search for her. to make a start, but unfortunately at that ter sent to him on the 10th ultimo by a commit. of selling his wife, had he not been executed for The latter vessel is to proceed direct to the Bonin tee of British subjects, in which it was stated the capital crime." Li Kusi-cheng is sliced to Islands, where there is just a chance that the that's majority of such of our countrymon as pieces for taking the law into his own hands, a Unrbi Kan may have taken refuge in a disabled acquiesce in a measure of his for levying, a poll. capital crime in an old and settled country like condition. The result of this first quest will be ucquiesce in a measure of his for levying, a point common that are most people reported by the Weiji at Kobe, where the Nagato enced simply by a fear that, if they were looffer one of those cases referred to in the maxim, is to await herarrival. If necessary, the two ressels anything approaching to opposition to the mea. summum jus summa injuria. anything approaching to opposition to the measure and summun jus summa injuria.

Summun jus summa injuria.

There is another feature of Chinese social life ness coasts and islands. The whole programme suit in the British Consular Court, they would on which this wretched case seems to throw has been carefully thought out and arranged by then receive less than justice, in requital of pre- some light; and that is the difficulty the Captain J. H. James, who goes in command of the then receive less than justice, in require of present of present to find in getting reparation Nagato Maru, and the two ships will be able to of 1886, which is the Supplementary Appropriate to find in getting reparation. We believe till Scanlar was run out for 10. One wicket for proper, indecent, and it might their cruise. The Nagato will finally make Sin
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Mr. E. S. Michell is an English barrister re- world goes. When he is robbed of his inhorit- sufferno loss. But apart from the fate of the crew, sident here, who has refused to register himself suce he goes out into the world to seek his own it must be confessed that her failure to arrive at this in the British Legation, and who therefore living. To our notions his sale of his wife and precise juncture is emphatically inconvenient." claims to be under Siamese jurisdiction. This children is sufficiently repugnant, but he does The Gazette has the following:—"In connection claim, however, notwithstanding the very plain this for the sake of his adopted mother, not for with the missing Unebi-kan it is said by the language of the Order in Council of 28th July, his own sake, and he gives up to her twenty-six native pressthat the cost of the ship was 1,560,000 1855, has never been allowed by the consular au out of the twenty-nine dollars that he re- yen, in addition to several hundred thousands of Court against a British subject who, I may say, twenty years, for he was only a child when he therefore, should she be lost and the Government is not known to have offered any opposition to was adopted, and yet in all that time he does not Mr. Satow's objectionable measure. Although seem to have been able to find a protector in the The Japanese on beard are reported to be Lieutewho had compiled 33—a stendy innings though Mr. Michell wont to the office at a business hour, law. Surely this is emphatically a case for one near Mure. Chief Engineer Moritomo, and two

On the following day Mr. Michell received a the merciless judgment of the Governor of Honote from Mr. Gould, the Consul, stating that wickets for 20 runs, while Bush remped in at the he had a communication to make to him, and remissness of the magistrates of the province, who finish with three for 7 runs in five overs. The questing his presence at the Consular Court to ought certainly to have been at least reprimandreceive it Mr. Mickell replied, asking the come ed in the memorial.—Daily News. munication to be made in writing; as a journey from his house to the British Legation cost both time and money. Mr. Gould answered, declining to make the communication through the post, and stating that Mr. Micheli's plaint would be slaved until he found it con-

> On the 3rd instant Mr. Michell attended at the time interested me considerably, and the title the Consular Court, when Mr. Gould read from assigned to it has often been in my mind since, a sheet of paper a communication to the follow. | though the ideas of the article have faded into ing effect: That Her Britannic Majesty's indistinctness. Having spent a number of years Minister-Resident and Con al-General, being in foreign lands and studied other languages 1 aware that Mr. Michell had sworn that he was have returned to this country with many cona Siamese subject, intended, in the case of the ceptions I would not otherwise have gained, suit entered by Mr. Michell against the British and the more I reflect, the more clearly do subject referred to, to treat Mr. Michell as if he I see that China needs things she does not were what he assumes himself to be; and that have. The foreign Press seem agreed in this therefore unless he produced a letter from the and perpetually advocate railways and tele-Foreign Minister of Siam certifying that he graphs, etc., and the presence of so many miswas a Siamese subject, his suit would not be en- sionaries is of itself a proof that they think some-

> British Minister to treat Mr. Michell in one wants or needs is a great question. I should like to British Consular Court in Siam is by treaty, ones most interested. and until now has been in practice, an open Court where persons of all nationalities could | mean lacks, or needs, or wishes. China may lack

once proper, decent, and pertinent. gentleman of Mr. Satow's naturally amiable trated by recent contracts for military and naval and courteous disposition should have deliberately armaments in the North, under the efficient

them by their forefathers. Mr. Satow has cause for satisfaction in knowshop was insured for \$2,500 in a German office ing that, since he took up the reins of office in of which Messra. Siemsson & Co. are the Siam, there has been no suspicion that the sciagents. The occupants of the house say the out- ministration of British justice in Bangkok has break was caused by the cook, who was working | been influenced by presents or by bribes. But it late, upsetting a kerosine lamp upon a pile of would be well if he bore in mind the fact that hemp bags, but there are other allegations as to the magistrate who, from any motive whatever, the cause of the outbreak, and the matter is now perverts or unnecessarily delays the course of under investigation. The houses on either side justice, proves himself simply less greedy of gain, not less a mischievous public enemy, than At about half-past nine on the evening of the the magistrate who receives a bribe, -I am, Sir,

P. GOWAN. Bangkok, 6t January, 1887.

PORTUGUESE_TREATY WITH CHINA.

visit south of Sir Robert Hart we expressed the true should they do so it would be difficult to be-

We have not been able to ascertain the cause of islands, and also engages herself to entirely sup-sionaries" found on inspection that nearly all . A notice is published in the Gazette setting less follow in the same wake ere the settlement Pei Tang Cathedral from the Lazarist Mission extent of ten ri in either direction; for the purand the surrounding buildings out of danger, to establish custom houses in the above mentioned troubles with France one of "Bismarck's mis- Police Court on Saturday. press the opium traffic in Macao."

TRAGIC STORY OF CHINESE LIFE.

tity of wood and lumber was packed upon the tops but his cousin, go and earn his living outside. excited against them was unjust, not merely be- sailants of the Rey, R. O'D. Ross-Lewin, who was We may add that what remained of the bridge, transaction.

houses along that street have their verandahs with his wife and daughter. At a neighbour. taking. In the same way the Chinese surgeons, outside the Whitfeild joss house on the let inst. blocked up in the same way. This, of ing town he sold his encumbrances for some with foreign training, on the various men-of-war and firing a revolver at a chair coolie who chesed myrmidons, occurred at Limpoo on Christmas doubt—the Christians may again become, in fact resident of Yokohama, principally to the order myrmidons, occurred at Limpoo on Christmas doubt—the Christians may again become, in fact resident of Yokohama, principally to the order myrmidons, occurred at Limpoo on Christmas doubt—the Christians may again become, in fact resident of Yokohama, principally to the order myrmidons, occurred at Limpoo on Christmas doubt—the Christians may again become, in fact resident of Yokohama, principally to the order myrmidons, occurred at Limpoo on Christmas doubt—the Christians may again become, in fact resident of Yokohama, principally to the order myrmidons, occurred at Limpoo on Christmas doubt—the Christians may again become, in fact resident of Yokohama, principally to the order myrmidons, occurred at Limpoo on Christmas doubt—the Christians may again become, in fact resident of Yokohama, principally to the order myrmidons, occurred at Limpoo on Christmas doubt—the Christians may again become, in fact resident of Yokohama, principally to the order myrmidons, occurred at Limpoo on Christmas doubt—the Christmas doubt—t the firemen, and a strict inspection and enforces barrow and transled the purchase-money back to which to practice their art, because the supplies of the South, lat is well known that religion, as such, bas not posses. 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She left again the following day, intended the purchase-money back to which to practice their art, because the supplies of the south later are the supplies of the south later are the supplies of the supplies of the south later are the supplies of ment of the law would do much good in this his home. In obedience to those dictate of filial must come through their superiors who prefer to distance to the purser of the Kowloon ferry launch Morning has been flourishing in our midst for some time been persecuted in China, and the Christian re- ling, the Express believes, to take the Inland Sea direction. The fire burned fast and furiously, piety which are so strong in the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriated to each star, was found lying unconscious on the Race past and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriate and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriate and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriate and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriate and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropriate and the Chinese breast, pocket the Tls. 200 a year appropria and enormous showers of sparks were carried he gave twenty-six deliars from the proceeds of vessel. The very work they are held responsible Course, near the Black Rock, having apparently a stop to it. Acting under this decision two ing only its attractive side as the nursing mother by fine weather had been experienced, and proalong by the wind. Nos: 48 and 50 were soon the sale of his wife and child, to his adopted mo- for is frustrated since the power is not in their shot himself through the roof of the mouth, into underlings of the Yamen, accompanied by a posse of social virtue, may easily rise into high favour. Viding that the same good fortune followed her shot himself through the roof of the mouth, into underlings of the Yamen, accompanied by a posse of social virtue, may easily rise into high favour. Viding that the same good fortune followed her one mass of flames, and No. 46 also quickly fell a ther, and started out into the world again with own hands or with a regular Surgeon-General's the brain. The wound was found there, and started out into the world again with own hands or with a regular Surgeon-General's the brain. victim. No. 52 was also reached by the flames, the remaining three dollars. As soon as he had bureau. A young officer was imprisoned for losing volver with one chamber recently discharged was and the heat became so great that the houses gone, the elder Li forced the old lady to give up his ship some time ago when not on duty, and the on the other side of the street took fire, As in to him the money which she had received; the captain was unwilling to use the foreign com-

goal, but the fine play of Singer, the goal this direction was checked in time, but No. 71 This was more than flesh and blood could stand: respects, but progress for this country would be was simust guided. The mes original was an open the second time at our own door. A native correspondent of the wife and energy, and the flames land, he had had to sell his wife and child to pross for the discussion of themes of public is guilty of any of the flames land, he had had to sell his wife and child to pross for the discussion of themes of public is guilty of any of the flames land, he had had to sell his wife and child to pross for the discussion of themes of public is guilty of any of the flames land, he had had to sell his wife and child to pross for the discussion of themes of public is guilty of any of the flames land, he had had to sell his wife and child to pross for the discussion of themes of public is guilty of any of the flames land, he had had to sell his wife and child to pross for the discussion of themes of public is guilty of any of the surface of the water for the second time at our own door. A native correspondent of themes of public is guilty of any of the flames land, he had had to sell his wife and child to pross for the discussion of themes of public is guilty of any of the surface of the water for the second time at our own door. A native correspondent of the surface of the water for the second time at our own door. with great judgment and energy, and the name into the name into the tyrinical conwere got well in hand before they could spread support his adopted mother, and he had to see interest; fair pay for all in government employ, were got well in nand notice they could spread support his anopted mother, and no dead to see interest; just pay the an ingression of the one of the soldiers and which settled him off-duct of the Christian policipaes on the French and full power to accomplish what men are comthreatening rush on the Club goal was stalled water, as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of revenge took possession of him, and singles petent to perform throughout all grades of prison; as usual, was beginning to triumph over of the performance of off, and shortly after, when the Garrison was its opposing element, and after eight there was handed, in the middle of the middl the opposing element, and siter eight there was named, in the mindred of their heathen fellow-countryment.

The horses damaged Li Tê-hua with Li Te-hua's wife and child.

How this progress and these reforms can be any officer or prisoner, and any of of insubor-the heads of their heathen fellow-countryment.

How this progress and these reforms can be any officer or prisoner, and any officer our little fire to be seen. The houses damaged in Te-hus with in Te-hus with an end of the French flag a vering the set as they think, as they Nos. 48 and 50 quite gutted. No. 46 all There is probably no country in the world but achieved, is a subject to engage the attention of dination requiring to be suppressed by extraorgutted but the shop on the ground floor, No. 52 China where the younger Li in such a case would every true lover of his country, and the conconsiderably less damaged, and on the other side not have been found guilty "with extenuating sideration of these matters will bring out more that post. A very interesting game thus closed No. 74 almost entirely hurnt out, besides damage circumstances," and in China one would have fully and clearly in the end, what China really to the adjoining houses by fire and water. The expected that the filial piety which he displayed wants.

tence is, whether the culprit is to be treated as a

Li Kuei-cheng is sentenced to death by the lin- subjected to shortly after leaving Singapore SIR,—Mr. Satow, Her Britannic Majesty's gerirg process. The Governor concludes with a seems by no means remote. Our readers are al-Minister-Resident and Consul-General here, was touch of grim humour: the poor culprit "would ready aware that the Nagato Maru and the

with interest, to see if any notice is taken of of elevon." nan on a crime which is really due to the re-

WHAT CHINA REALLY WANTS.

Under the above heading " Persius" writes as follows to the N. C. Daily News: -- Thereappeared venient to appear in Court to receive the com in your columns about a year ago an article entitled "What China Really Wants," which at thing is needed, even if not wanted or appreciated Now, apart from the ludicrous claim of the by many Chinese. But what this nation itself

The word "wants" is a full word. It may

for losses incurred during the recent turmoil. upon us. It is necessary to feel a lack or a need | she has been totally lost to want it supplied, but very few now know what | O Extremo Oriente hears that Selior Albino The Shanghai Courier writes:—"During the spoke out just what they think, and it is also Suez.

THE MISSING JAPANESE CRUISER " UNEBI KAN."

The Japan Mail of the 4th instant says :man who has murdered his brother or his cousin. "Apprehensions with regard to the fate of the Voluminous as the criminal law of China is, Unchi-kan deepen as the days go by without any there is no specific penalty prescribed for a man nows. At this moment of writing the ship who murders one who is by blood his brother, thirty-one days out from Singapore. Had she but by adoption his cousin. The Governor solves met with any accident, short of total destructhe difficulty by treating the "case as an aggra- tion, it is difficult to suppose that some vated form of the murder of three persons of a tidings would not have reached us ere this. She family the principal victim of which was a cousin, carried two very heavy guns-35-tons-on her and passing a sentence one degree more severe upper deck, and the possibility that, thus than the one provided for the murder of a con- weighted, her stability proved insufficient to TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY sin and two other members of his family;" and andere such a severa test as she was certainly

are then to undertake a thorough search of the Chito say that any action of his justified the fear ferred by Li Kuci-cheng, and in a country where February. Up to that date, therefore, all hope every official is bound to be the father of those with regard to the Unebi need not be abandoned. The following case, however, proves how the under his authority, the sufferer ought to have We have before stated that the builders of the roughly well founded are the apprehensions of been able to find someone to keep up his case. Vessel were under contract to deliver her in this He was evidently a good sort of a man as the country so that pecuniarily speaking, Japan will

are responsible, they can recover the latter sum.

We (Nagasaki Rising Sun) regret to hear as yet been heard of the unfortunate Unebi-kan. have been sent out by the Japanese authorities hope that their efforts to discover her will prove been made in connection with the affair. successful. The most that can now be expected is that something may be found to furnish a clue to what has become of her and the large number of officers and crew she had on board -roughly estimated at from one hundred and fifty to two hundred hands, all told. The French | Nurray Pier at 2 p.m. with the Band of the gunboat Chassenr arrived at Nagasaki from Yokohama via Kobe on the 11th inst. She is en raute to Hongkong, and previous to leaving Yokohama she arranged to keep a look-out for the Unebi-kan.

HONGKONG. on the 14. I inst., at which the Post Office Bill | Senhor Costa and party landed after four o'clock | was considered in committee and passed and the in the afternoon at the Pedder's Wharf, and have Promissory Oatha Bill also passed through Com- | been the guests of Mr. Romano. On Sunday mornmittee. The report of the Postmaster-General ing at 10.30, Senhor Costs, accompanied by Mr. for 1886 was tabled. On Thursday night, the Romano and A.D.C., paid a visit to Mr. Marsh subject, if it be remembered that the Chinese side and by them, for really they are the 13th inst., the German steamer Olympia arrived at the Government House, where were also pre-Malay seaman of the British steamer Stratheden, Price to meet Senhor Costs. At 2.30 in the whom she had picked up at sea in alifeboat on the afternoon the Acting Governor and Mrs. Marsh, enter actions against British subjects without things she does not need and need things she of the steamer Strathedon, it appears, was and Captain Porter, A.D.C., returned the visit bring required to produce evidence of their does not desire, and wish for things she neither lost on the North Reef, Paracels, on the night at the Portuguese Consulate. Senhor Costa and nationality, this case clearly proves a desire on lacks nor needs. She has a right to pender of the 2 th ult. when on the passage from party left for Macan by the Tamega yesterday the part of Mr. Satow to at least delay justice in when her needs are pointed out or suggested. Hongkong to Suigon. A number of junks as morning. a suit where the plaintiff is known to have offer. and it is wise for her to do so. Much of the sembled round the stranded vessel and looted ed opposition to him and the defendant has not. advice given her has not been entirely disinter. the cargo. Some of them engaged to convey the After this, it is evidently impossible for any ested, and she has learned from experience crew of the Stratheden to Heihow, but Captain impartial person to deny that the passage in the that all the influences of foreign civilization Hutton and his two companions would not wait, letter to r. Satow which so roused his indig- are not useful to her. The arts of war she and put to sea in the lifeboat in the hope of nation, and which, as above said, he denounced has never wanted, and feels them forced upon being picked up, as they were five days after.

as improper, indecent, and importment, has been her to defend herself from foreign aggression, Several fires have occurred in Hongkong. The corclusively demonstrated by himself to be at and she shows her good sense by turning the first of any importance broke out on the morning civalry of commercial agents of various nationa- of the 12th in Sai Wo Lane, in a shark's fin It must be a matter of general regret that a lities to her own pecuniary advantage, as illus- dealer's shop, which was reduced to ruin; the on the evening of the 13th, and four houses were Shortly after I a.m. on the 13th inst. a fire broke gone out of his way to earn for himself the un. management of the Viceroy of Chihli, while her destroyed; while a third blaze, originating in No. qualified condemnation of all those of his fellow. real feeling is exhibited in the celebrated re- 48, Queen's Road West, gutted two houses comcountrymen who can be classed neither as syco-joinder of the Governor General of the Liang pletely, partially destroyed three more, and in almost confining the fire to the house where it phants nor as indifferent to the rights won for Kwang to the demands of Catholic missionsries slightly damaged others adjoining. A match at Football, Sassenachs v. Celts, was played on the The wants of China and the Chinese are very 11th instant, which resulted in favour of the numerous. They reach further and deeper than Southrons; and another game between Garrison

railroads and mines can go; they are wider than and Club came off on the 18th, when the military the most powerful navy and army can maintain team were victorious. A cricket match, Cricket or the most extensive commerce can supply; they Club v. Jockey Club, was played on the 15th penetrate into the very essence of the national inst., resulting in a fie. The troopship Himalaya, system and character. On the principle of "order | now shortly expected from England, will proceed before reforms " and the supposition the " Great to Port Hamilton to embark the garrison and Powers" are greedy, the vast defensive prepa- stores, the evacuation of the islands having been rations of this empire are useful; but unless resolved upon. His Excellency Senhor da Costa, radical reforms are made in the government Governor of Macao, arrived here in the Portusystem and in the individual character, I see guese gunbeat Tamega on the afternoon of the danger, from within, ahead for China, which she | 15th inst., and remained until the 17th. No does not need to apprehend from any other source. news has been received from any of the vessels One of China's greatest wants is a free press | engaged in the search for the missing Japanese | to discuss on a wider scale the questions pressing | cruiser Unebi-kan, and it is generally feared that |

is needed or at least how it can be gained. Na. Mencarini, lately Spanish Consul at this port, tive newspapers could not long exist if they who was on his way home, died before reaching Mr. J. M. Armstrong sold on the 11th inst., by

at its height, and four houses were burning pal clauses of the treaty in question are that trouble from this source during the Taiping re- On Friday night, the 14th inst., a Manila man menced, and the opposite house As soon China all the rights, advantages, and privileges to discipline a special army for the country, proas the engines were fairly at work, there was an accorded to the most favoured nation and will vided he could be allowed to handle the funds and our foreboding seems to be well costly. But the authorities were beforehand of oil. end of the spread of the conflagration, and the also cede to Portugal a part of the Lapa. Island so know that the man received their pay. He was marder within the jurisdiction of the Emperor night on the high road of realization. A rumour with them, and, contrary to the usual custom, fire gradually began to lose ground. By about and some other small uninhabited islands in its told this could not be, for man, but in the part of the recessary formalities for pushing is going the round that a very old and respect. Presented the two churchmen with the hat and Russia has concluded a treaty with Korea, in a quarter to eleven it was evidently well in hand, environs; in return Portugal will allow China rally cry out against it. During the recent the man through this port were effected at the alle tea hong has been smashed up and many

the officers of certain army reported fully a half out boundaries for ships of war anchoring to day comes to pass.

the other houses, these hid allet ofold dry wooden wound by wooden wound by wooden by by the sound by wooden by the sound by the so With the exception of one house the speed in the sider Li reining him a benting. Reform is needed on every hand in many able to leave the hospital,

him by this section. near by, were quickly on the spot, and with vengeance. - Echo.

some assistance managed to keep the fire from spreading boyond this shed. The next outreak was on the verandah of No. 115. Queen's. road West, the adjoining house to the Ko Carvalho, Portuguese Consul at Shanghai, has Shing Theatre. A fire was burning here for ceased to hold that post, and that Portuguese the purpose of drying fish, &c., and a bag sus. interests in the Model Settlement have been pended above fell into the fire and blazing up, placed in the hands of the Italian Consul. set the woodwork on fire. By good fortupe P.C. Patterson happened to pass by the place at | Shanghai, on the 7th inst., the China boy who that time, and he extinguished the flames before assaulted Mr. S. J. Morris was sentenced to three much damage was done, otherwise there would months' imprisonment. The Magistrate said he doubtless have been a very serious fire, with was convinced the assault was committed intenthe theatre next door and a densely populated | tionally, because the defendant bit Mr. Morris locality all round.

By the Hill entitled "An Ordinance for he Shanghai Mercury says: - "Captain J. promoting the revision of the Statute Law by Hildebrandt, of the Telegraph steamer Store official Members of Council and the community In his circular dated Shanghai, 11th January, generally will be left to speculate until the se- Mr Peter Maclean thus refers to the Piece

pane of glass. There must have been several at The Mercury has the following:—A corresthe work, as they carried off hooty of consider- pendent writing from on board the Russian that up to date (12th inst.) nothing whatever has able weight and bulk, the mirror base of a crystal transport St. Petersburg, at sea, some 200 or 300 centre piece, various ornaments, seven old Chine miles from Singapore, on the 26th December, and ways of the Empire are in a horrible state, now forty days out from Singapore, bound to teapots of which there was a collection, and a gays :- "The commander of the Russian man-of-Yokohama. The Meiji Maru and Negato Maru miscellaneous collection, altogether of the value war Djigit, Captain Viller, from some cause or of about \$70 or \$80. Information was at once to other became mentally deranged during his stay. in search of her, but it is almost too much to the Police, but up to the present no arrests have at Shanghai about two mouths ago, and at-

Firmino José da Costa, Governor of Macao, accompanied by Srs. Costs and son, and A.D.C., arrived here in the Portuguese gunboat Tameja. A guard of honour was present at the Northamptonshire Regiment, but after waiting a long time and the Tamega not having put in an appearance the guard of honour was dismissed. On the arrival of the gunboat later on Senhor Romano, Portuguese Consul-General, went

on board to compliment His Excellency and convey the party on shore. Captain Porter, on behalf of Mr. Marsh, also went on board to invite Senhor Costa and party to be the A most ag of the Legislative Council was held guests of His Excellency and Mrs. Marsh.

CHINAL

CANTON. Writing on the 31st ult., the Canton corres pendent of the Daily News says :- "I am assured that the bands of adventurers who have been of late have killed one of their prisoners in a most barbarous manner. My informant, lately returned from Pakhoi, says that the prisoner was bound with cords, hand and foot, and laid on the ground, theu a cart was drawn over him backwards and forwards until the whole of his bones were broken, and he was left for dead and

died shortly afterwards." The Canton correspondent of the N. C. Daily News thus discourses on matters official in the City of Rams :- "I hear it again reported that l'sên Yü-ying, Vicercy of Yünnan, is dead; the rumour was first in circulation some ten days since. I also hear that Wu-Tseng is not coming here after all, his place being taken by H.E. Kang, Governor of Shansi. Probably Kang will then succeed to the Viceroyaity of the Two Kwang, as matters cannot go on here much longer as they have been doing. A Viceroy who places a General Officer and a brigade of troops under the orders of a petty expectant magistrate, and puts a force in the field against rebels under the command of favourite like him who is called the baby Sun, is not fit for his post H. E. Chang's

eccontricities continue; he has disbanded the arresting the flames are of great use in preventing duce into his Treaty a counter proposal.'
artillary force which was organised and trained thieving.—Mercury Correspondent. at great expense by German officers during the late war. These troops are the only ones in the province who know anything about guns, and the reason for their disbandment is said to be their refusal to march to the frontier under the command of another of Li's school-boy commanders. General Yang An-tien, who for a long time was in command of the Viceroy's bodyfield and elsewhere."

FOOCHOW.

greations on the verapholas honce the mischief. | naturally demanded the restitution of the money, power and responsibility be thus separated? | so far recovered that by the 17th instant he was a summand of the mischief. | naturally demanded the restitution of the money, power and responsibility be thus separated? | was a summand of the mischief. | naturally demanded the restitution of the money, power and responsibility be thus separated?

The following has been inserted in the Gael the lottery organisation betook himself, closely ment that the obnexious behaviour of Chinese power to sentence the said prisoner to corporal flight and eventually succeeded in intrenching | The weather continues remarkably warmand punishment not to exceed twelve strokes of the themselves in a house, which was speedily sur- fine, without wind or cloud. The river is almost rattan. It shall be the duty of the Superinten- rounded by the infuriated people, and where the free from ice below Tientsin, and steamers could dent to report at once to the Governor every Yamen underlings remained scatheless until av- quite easily come to Taku if there was any occacase of his exercising the power conferred on sistance could be produced. As the victim of sion for them to try. The inevennents of birds

SHANGHAI.

We learn from private sources that Senhor The Daily News save that at the Mixed Court,

repealing certain enactments which have ceased Nordiske, who has just returned from a long to be in force or have become unnecessary." | cruise, during which he has repaired five cables read a first time at Friday's meeting of the broken in the last typhoon, is going to leave Legislative Council, it is proposed to repeal no the Store Nordiske, which he has now comless than a hundred and two Ordinances manded nearly a year—he was the chief officer for and portions of five others. Amongst the several years before-during which time he has Ordinances repealed in whole is No. 24 carried out successfully many repairs, some quite

on the arm.

Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1885 spell of the approaching settling time is over you come to Loma Hu, you see a vast sandy exin particular, to say nothing of all the other Or- the trade, and business, in consequence, is redinances mentioned, has ceased to be in force or stricted. Not that any misgiving or fear exists in regard to those, for the natives, one and all, In the small hourson Tuesday morning, the 10th seem to have had a fairly prosperous year, but years past, there is not water enough there to inst, a burglary was effected at the residence of | because dealers, as is their custom, for the most Mr. S. J. Gower, Caine-road. Mr. Gower wasawak- part are waiting until the way is absolutely clear ened by a noise in the house somewhere near three | before them. Enquiries, however, are becoming o'clock, and fanoying it proceeded from the more frequent, and the few private transcetions children's room, he went there. He found all that have been published, inasmuch as they show overtaken all the connecting streams which was quiet in that room, however, and thinking a general improvement in values, may be taken flowed from the river and lake. All are dried he had been mistaken he retired to rest again. as evidence of confidence on the part of buyers The next morning it was found that the house nothing werse than the status que will rule after had been broken into. There were no venetians the holidays. Prompts, in private as well as in closed over the drawing room casements, and the | unblic sale, are now nearly all arranged for after thieves, having removed the lower part of a bam- China New Year, and meanwhile, to the delight boo blind which was drawn over one, out out a of importers, Exchange on England is hardening. are deferred in their making, but roads

tempted to commit suicide by jumping over-On Saturday, the 15th inst. His Excellency Sr. board, but was rescued in time. The commend was thereupon taken from him and a strict watch kept over him. He was subsequently sent to Nagasaki, where he was put on board the Ruscabin. or was kept. in it. On Christmas a tom-cat, some signs will be given morning, about 3 o'clock, I was awakened by the steamer's stopping and a rush on deck. Poor Captain Miller, it appears, had been taking a promenad on deck, in charge of his attendants, when he suddenly made a rush and jumped overboard. A life buoy was thrown after him and a boat was lowered. There was a heavy sea on at the time, so the search was a short one. Nothing could be seen of the poor fellow, and we were ob-

> He distinguished himself on that occasion and was made a Commander of Danebrog.

> liged to go on without him. He was in Copen-

hagen in 1882 when the Royal Castle was burned

HANKOW.31st December. in the rear of three large tea-box factories, caus- the registers. After a brief reposand it was with great difficulty that the Catholic | the 21st. He was expected back in the palace by annoying the French at Mongkai and Hai-ninh Mission Hospital building was saved, one of the early morn on the 22nd to hold his usual morning box factories being only separated from it by a court. On his way through the front gate he narrow lane. Messrs. Watson & Co.'s drug store | visited the two little vellow temples situated

> nuous efforts put forth by the numerous fire | News Correspondent. brigades they were saved. The London Mission The native fire brigades were on hand in strong force and did all that was possible under the circumstances to prevent the fire from spreading. The engines used by the native fire companies are necessarily small to enable them to pass along the narrow streets, and their deficiency in power is made up by their numbers. There were between forty and fifty of them playing on the fire, and the noise and confusion they created can be better imagined than described. The Municifull private in uniform. A number of foreigners made sundry efforts to pull down some buildings but owing to the hook and ladder company | U.S. Treaty contained a clause similar to their not being on hand their exertions were of little | present one regarding opinin, which was strongly avail. There was a good showing of mandarins objected to by Lord Elgin, who threatened if it and soldiers, who though of but little service in | was retained in the American Treaty to intro-

TIENTSIN.

On the 10th Dec. Bishop Tagliabue and Abbé Favier paid their respects to the Tsungli Yamen, introduced by Mr. Detring. The two priests of Chemulpo, Jan 3rd, writes:-The Higo Maru were the insignia of the rank recently conferred | brought an electric-light plant here for the upon them; the Bishop the red button, and the King's palace, in Secul. It is said to be the Abbe the clear blue. They were received most best plant that has ever been sent from the graciously by Prince Ching and three leading United States. Two first class engineers have members of the Yamen and partook of the usual come with it. The plant has been supplied at a refeshments which adorn the tables of the Yamen little more than the actual cost price, and the on the occasion of diplomatic visits.

ance of the Imperial Decree conferring honours on it. It is understood that the light will be in on the two ecclesiastics, the Christian community | working order in about three months' time, and We predicted some time ago, that the present of Chinese at once subscribed for the purchase of it is calculated that the Korean Government can

more men than they had in the ranks. Yet the the west of the Kawloon Peninsula. Nothing During the forence of the lat inst, a melée transfer of a piece of ground in the Hai Shih Ku said that the inhabitants of the districts included men did not receive the nominal sum. On the is to prevent ships proceeding to and from any took place between two parties of about 30 to 40 to the Lazarists, have been settled to the satis- in the strip of land thus set apart may be naturaother hand many magistrates receive a smaller wharves that are or may be erected on the west men each on the other side of the brock which faction of all parties, Mr. Detring acting as in- lized either as Russian or Korean subjects. This salary than some of their clerks draw from them- side of the Kowloon Peninsula, provided such saparates the Telegraph Offices from the oppo-The Peking Gazette of the 19th December con- selves, and are really obliged to resort to extor- ships, if anchoring, give swinging room to site paddy field. The warlike parties fought to been granted is about one-third greater than the the Russians assuming control of the land and they had extended to several adjoining life. One Li Kuei-ohèng was adopted when a Customs Service is most beneficial in its influence. The evacuation of Port Hamilton by the Rrishops, and the fire assumed large dimensions, child into another branch of the Li family, of in this matter, not only to the Imperial Treasury tish forces will take place very shortly. The suit of breaking each other's bones, returned to far from the Drum Tower. The French Minis- by the Russians. The new treaty has evidently It was very low tide at the time, and in conse Honan, and inherited a small property and a but to the employes, for it is known that the troopship Himalaya, which left England on the troopship Himalaya, whi quence there was considerable difficulty in get house, in which he went to live with his adopted salary will both be sufficient and paid. A regulated less to say that they were not interfered with, in about carrying the transaction through, but not one constitution of the design of the less to say that they were not interfered with, in about carrying the transaction through, but not one constitution of the design of the less to say that they were not interfered with, in about carrying the transaction through, but not one constitution of the design of the less to say that they were not interfered with, in about carrying the transaction through, but not operations against Korea; but if the treaty ting a supply of water from the harbour; in fact, mother. He had an elder brother Li Thus all and uniform gradation of salaries and fees in troops she brings out, proceed to Port Hamilton any shape or form, during the free fight, by ed most courteously and considerately both to comes to be carried into effect, the other powers for some of the engines it was necessary to send who, his house having been burnt down, came various government departments would be a and there take on board the garrison of Boyal the powers that be. Spectators were not want to send the garrison of Boyal the powers that be. men down from the Prays on to the mud below with his wife and child to live with Li Kuei-sheng, blessing to both nation and people, but how can Marines and all the stores, &c., and will convey the ling and the number of those who stood on the Her Majesty the Empress Regent is said to feel is, mixed residence and trade, by virtue of the very strong wind was blowing from the east- cupying the land for his own benefit, making the Again power and responsibility need to go crews of the gunbout Midge and the Victor so large that the bridge gave way in no time and object which she has kept always before her

material igniting very quickly carried the flames and had a daughter, and naturally tried to re- but they did not have power given them to do of firing a revolver several times at constables to Co., has since been removed and a new one will missionaries and the Court probably marks a new from however the flames at constables to Co., has since been removed and a new one will missionaries and the Court probably marks a new from however the flames at constables to Co., has since been removed and a new one will missionaries and the Court probably marks a new from however the flames at constables to Co., has since been removed and a new one will missionaries and the Court probably marks a new from however the flames at constables to Co., has since been removed and a new one will missionaries and the Court probably marks a new flames at constables to Co., has since been removed and a new one will missionaries and the Court probably marks a new flames. from house to house. In front most of the veransume possession of the land and house which were what they were equal to doing well. Some one prevent his lawful apprehension, was on Saturday not be built again on the spot unless the Road era in the history of Christianity in China. It dahs were blocked up; either with firewood and lum-ber, or with some permanent structures, which is not to be dispossessed, and the younger one, day. It appears that a lottery called Wha Hoi, as well as in name, the proteges of the Throne. of the Japanese Government, for breeding pur-

justice was a man of some influence and well con- are usually considered indicative of approaching Two fires occurred in the early part of the nected, it is not to be wor'ly at that those who changes of weather, and the sand grouse in par-13th instant. One broke out at about 4.30 a.m. hunted him to death sh. ..d ve since been ar- ticular is thought to be a sign of extreme cold in in a straw shed at the back of No. 146, Third- raigned on a charge of or mine his autimely end, Mongolia. This curious little bird has been for street, Salyingpun. Fortunately Sanitary In- and doubtless the proceedings will be followed some days in our market. Partridges are now spector Ceribew and Mr. Ramsay, who live up by the relatives of the deceased with a just abundant and may claim the epithet "plump" with the finest representatives of the species in any country. They are delicious, and cheap-150 cash, or about sixpense a brace in English money There is another fine bird in the market, one the largest of the pheasant group, Crossoptilon. Mancharicum, for which the preposterous price of two dollars a piece is demanded. The flesh is tender and good, but at the price we would prefor its weight in partridges. - Chinese Times of 25th December.

The Tientsin correspondent of the N. C Dails News writes: — "Railway prospects are clouded The difficulties in the way are real, and now, that for strategic and Imperial reasons the necessity for connecting the capital with the Yangtze has passed away, the question seems likely to sleep awhile. All the lying rumours about centracts made, or even, as scions of the Anunias family declare, signed and attested by official seal, you and your readers will do well to discredit. The present direction of the Chinese mind is to improve roads, mend bridges, and deepen canals and water courses. Even these rudimentary things they cannot well do by themselves, as by natural causes the old levels are changed. The country has risen in some directions, and subsided in others. If you go from North and South you see hundreds of bridges. often of several arches, standing in dry fields. No water has flowed through the arches since the Yellow River changed its cond reading as to the reasons for which the Goods trade:—We are now in the doldrams; the course, in 183 . I think, and further south, when places 30 miles broad, once a deep lake on which hundreds of junks trafficked. Now, and for fifty the old hed of the Huang Ho, also a dry channel of sand and boulder stones. The fale of Loma and the old Huong Ho channel has, of course.

and generally substantial bridges through which no water ever passes now. Whatever is done will be good for us If railways are made, trade will increase. If railways we will also benefit, not to the same degree, but yet well and substantialls. The roads Chow, for example, are of theomparable badness. as my aching bones testify. It has happened that great hinese personages have come to Tientsin, and they have been struck with the excellence of the roads of our little Settlement. smooth, hard, straight, and bordered with trees. The Seventh Prince noticed these things, and we hear his august mind has considered the subsian transport St. Petersburg in charge of two ject in a practical way. So, when spring comes, sailers. We never saw him on deck, for he kept when the flowers blessom, and the lark carels, or

PEKING.

22nd December. The Marquis Tseng had his first audience in the Palace on Monday, the 13th, since then he has had several other audiences, and his first appearance at the Foreign Office took place on the 18th. He is living at present in a well-known temple outside the East Flower Gate.

On the morning of the 21st ult, the Emperer proceeded to the Temple of Heaven to worship the Supreme Being, great preparations having been made for the event. It is twelve years since the Emperor T'ung-chi performed a similar ceremony, which marks the Emperor's assump-At about 9.30 a.m. to-day a fire broke out near | tion of the reins of Government. He held court the north-west corner of the foreign concession first, then repaired to the Tothettern consult ing a conflagration such as has not been seen in through the South From Containing by all for the Hankow for a long time. The dames soon spread | Emperor alone—to the Temple, where repairs to the factory buildings, he were nearly all of had been going on for months part, inside wood, and being stowed half of tea-boxes, lumber, and out. The officials were all in attendand other packing materials, such as straw mats, once and the bearers were deesed in handrattans, &c. it will be seen at once that when some flowery red garments, with official hats such large quentities of combustible material be- surmounted by yellow satin badges. He fasted comes ignited the chances of saving any por- and spent some time in contemplation in the tion of it is remote indeed. The three factories | Palace of Fasting, after which he ascended the and all of their materials were entirely consumed, | Southern alter to offer sacrifice at midnight of

was in great danger at one time though on the within the enclosure of the gate, one on the East opposite side of the street; as it was, some of and the other on the West. One of the temples their outhouses were ignited; but by the stre- is dedicated to the God of War.-N. C. Daily At a recent meeting of the Missionary Asso-Hospital was at one time also in great danger. | cistion at Peking, in the course of a discussion on the opium question, Dr. Martin, replying to a speaker who had "irrelevantly launched out on the question of the legalisation, which had not been brought forward in the lecture, con-| founding it with the Nanking Treaty and attributing the settlement of the question to the Chinese from financial matives," is reported to have given "a clear statement as an eye witness of the whole transacti and having been then interpreter to the American Minister. He depal fire brigade was also on hand, numbering one | nonnced in scathing terms the action of his chief. for the part he took in carrying out the policy initiated by Lord Elgin. The draft of the then

KOREA

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STEAM-LAUNCH

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Hongkong, 26th August, 1825.

AMOY AND TAMSUI

Kaisar-i-Hind (str.) E. G. Stead .

Glenogle (str.) Hogg

The Nagasaki Express says:—The steamer Meriouethshire, Captain Dutton, had the misfertime to get ashere on the north-west side of the bay, between Akunoura and Tategami, about 5 p.m. on Sunday, the 9th inst., whilst under weigh. p.m. on Sunday, the 9th inst., whilst under weight leaving the harbour bound for Hoogkong en route to Manila to fill up with home for London. Unckily the weather was calm and the tide was riving at the time, and as she was only slightly aground to ewerd, undermeath the fore-mast, she fleated of again about 9 p.m., several anchors having been carried out in the meantime, and her engines kept going full speed astern. As she did not make any water, either whilst ashore or after she came off, it was evident that she had not sustained any very serious lamage; but Capt. Dutton decided to remain until the next morning and have the ship's bottom properly examined by the Dockyard diver. The examination was accordingly made, and, proving satisfactory, she continued her journey about 10 am. on Monday. The Merioneth shire had on board about 600 tons of general cargo from Kobe for London, and in addition to filling up her bankers here she took some 20 tous of coal in her lower hold as a reserve for bunker use. The cause of her getting ashere was, we believe, that Capt, Dutton misjudged the distance between the ship and the shore.

TOKYO.

Mr. Justice Hannen has, says the Japan Mail. been appointed assistant Delegate to represent Great Britain at the Treaty Revision Conference in Tokyô. This step appears thoroughly sensible. The Conference is required to discuss questions involving legal problems of considerable difficulty, and Judge Hannen's expert knowledge comet fail to prove eminently serviceable. The appointment has of course been made at the recommendation of the Honourable Sir Francis Plunkett.

The Japan Gazetin records the total destruction by fire of the French Legation in Tokyo. The alarm was given shortly after seven o'clock on the morning of the 4th instant, and the flames spread so rapidly that very little of the furni ture could be saved. The buildings are totally destroyed and also the Minister's exquisite collection of lacquer ware. Fortunately there were no lives lost. The furniture was insured in the Queen Fire and Life Insurance Company of

Liverpool A Tokyo vernacular paper, translated by the Japan Gazette, says :- "Whether Japanese alone will be made the official language or a foreign one bendopted as a subsidiary official language when mixed residence is granted, is a question now inuch discussed. It is stated that the Government propose to adopt the English language for that purpose it being generally used in the East. The French Minister is, however, said to oppose the proposition on the ground that in European countries French is universally used as the official language, and that the same usage should be followed in Japan; while the German Minister has no objection to making English a subsidiary official language, for nearly all German residents can speak English. The Russian Minister is said to hold that the Japanese language alone is MONOPOLE RED SEAL (medium dry). sufficient and that there is no necessity for adopting any foreign language. However, the probability is that English will be adopted."

The Japan Herald writes - In Japan spirit of uneasiness is being rapidly developed. The native newspapers breathe a warlike spirit More ships, more gues, and more fortifications are the staple topics of the press just now, for China is regarded as covertly bostile. The Narasaki affray is up: 1 d. and the Chinese procrastination rankles in the popular mind. Other grievances of a more ancient character have not been resolved, and in spite of peace with each other being the true policy for both to pursue, it is to be feared that the counsels of common sense -cannot much longer be relied on to preserve amicable relations between China and this country. The peace with France, and the prospect, if not the actuality, of an alliance with England. has made China especially bumptious and overbearing, and the exclusion of her Minister from the treaty conferences has been an additional incentive to her dislike and intolerance of Japan. Altogether the political horizon wears a troubled aspect, and furnishes ample matter for anxious forebolings."

The Choya Shimban says that a rumour, for the truth of which that journal does not youch. is affort to the effect that the demands of the Chinese Government relative to the recent Nagasaki affair were at first of a very strong nature and it appeared as if there would be great difficulty in settling the dispute between the two countries; but of late the attitude of the Chinese Government has changed, and there appears a fair prospect of a favourable issue being arrived at. The change on the part of the Chinese is attributed to some fresh trouble having arisen in their foreign relations with other countries, and their consequent conviction that it would be disadvantageous for Japan and China to allow a triffing event like the Nagasaki emeute to develope into a diplomatic dispute, which would injure the friendly relations between the two nations. It is also said that when the Chinese Government appointed Li Hung-chang commissioner to settle the matter, the Japanese Foreign Department entrusted Mr. Mutsu with the task of conducting | a the negotiations on behalf of Japan. Mr. Mutsu thereupon proceeded to make arrangements for the regotiations with the Chinese Minister in Tokyo, the Tsung-li Yamên having informed the Tekvo Government that the latter had been intracted with power to negotiate. Mr. Mutsu requested the Chinese Minister to open the proceedings at once, but for some unknown reason the Chinese Minister resigned his position as commissioner, and notified-the Japanese Government to that effect, who immediately communicated the fact to the Viceroy Li. However, a fow days ago the Jupanese Government were informed by the latter that Minister Hsu had been again appointed commissioner; so that the negotiations are expected to be resumed without further delay.—Japan Gazette. .

SIAM.

BANGKOK.

resident," the slight earthquake felt here on the fully illustrated and explained, forming exercises 22nd alt. was the second occurrence of the kind for students of a most instructive nature. Both experienced in Bangkok for the last fifty-three | the Court and Punti pronunciations are given

brate the handredth anniversary of the granting | Chinese, and English type correspond in the size of a Factory to their countrymen by the King of of body, thereby effecting a vast economy of Siam in 1786. Dancing was kept up till late in space, achieving a clearness not previously the morning, when the numerous guests went attained, and dispensing with those vast margins

other day, at the comparatively early age of 130. To the illustrate the vast scope of the work He was a Manila mun named Antikoi, and land- | following facts are submitted for consideration:ed in Siam with two companions about the year | Chalmers' Vocabulary contains about 16,000 1804. He did a good deal of opinm smuggling | Chinese characters. and Medhurst's English in his day and is said to have left a small fortune. and Chinese Dictionary about 100,000, whilst And now he is dead. It is also said that he lied this work contains more than 50,000 English with his usual case and cheerfulness to the last. | words, and upwards of 600,000 Chinese charac-The statement of his age was given with his ters. Again, despite all the grammars and last breath.

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAILS The O. & O. steamer Gaelic, with the American mail of the 21st December, left Yokohama on the 14th, and may be expected Lore.

on or about the 20th instant. The P. M. stewner City of New York, with the American mail of the 31st December, left San Francisco on that date, and is due here on or about the 30th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED. The steamer Albamy left Singapore on the evening of the 12th, and is due here on or about the 20th instant. The Norddentscher Lloyd steamer, General

POST-OFFICE NOTICES

When Correspondence has been mis-sent or delayed (both of which are liable to happen occasionally) all that the addressee need do is to note on the cover. Scal to ----, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case may be, and forward it, without any other writing whatever, to the Postmaster General. This should be acted on the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a mistake to let such matters pass for fear of giving trouble, a course which generally gives more trouble in the end

Lucal Delivery-No delivery is attempted on board Ship, at the Peak, Kowloon, Abordeen, &c., nor at any private house (even though named in the address) when there is a place of business nearer at which delivery can be effected.

The Postal Guide for 1886, revised to date will be found in the Daily Press Directory, n. 385 large edition, p. 701 small edition. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given

A DIAIL WILL CLOSE For Amoy and Tamsui.—Per Fokien, to-day. the 18th inst., at 2.00 P.M. For Manila.—Por Esmeralda, to-day, the 18th ingt. at 4.30 p. 10. For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, &c .- Per Airlie, to-morrow, the 19th inst., at 2.30 P.M. For Swatow and Shanghai - Per Kowshing, to-morrow, the 19th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Straits and London -- Per Glenogle, tomorrow, the 19th inst., at 17.30 A.M. · For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.-Per Teheran, on Thursday, the 20th inst. at 5.00 P.M. For Bangkok.—Per Deuteros, on Friday, the 21st inst., at 4.30 F.M. For Straits and Bombay.—Per Bormida, on Friday, the 21st inst., at 5.00 P.M.. MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET. The British Contract Packet Kaisar-i-Hind will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 18th

January, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements. Netherlands India, Burmah, Caylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Multa and Gibraltar. The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails. &c. The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes, Coin; or Jewellery, and, where Registration has

alleged losses of such letters. HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS:

been neglected, will make no enquiries into

THE ENGLISH MAIL. The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet: --Dan'of Departure. NOON.—Money Order Office closes. Also a few copies of the GRAMMAR OF THE 2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Post-

> 3.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters. 3.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until 3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely. 3.40 r.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board. the packet with late fee of 10 cents, until

ing of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

time of departure. MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET. The French Contract Packet Saghalien will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 25th instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe. places beyond, vii Nanles: to Sairon. Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Cevica. the Australasian Colonies. Pondichery, Webers.

Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and

the Mails, &c. THE FRENCH AND GERMAN MAILS. Day before Departure. 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes, German Mail 4 P.M. Post Office closes, except the.

night box, which is always open out of office.

The usual hours will be observed in closing

Day of Departure. 7 A.m. Post Office opens. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters coases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases. II A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters. 11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee

11,30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely:

the packet with Late Fee of 10 Cents until

of 10 cents until

time of departure. PARCEL POST TO THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE BY GERMAN PACKET. Sealed parcels not exceeding 71bs, in weight. nor 2 feet in longth, breadth, or depth, may new be forwarded to the Continent of Europe by the four-weekly direct German Packets via Bremerhaven at the rates stated below. For the

present this route only is available by means of

these packets, but parcels may be forwarded to

cortain countries fortnightly via London as A receipt will begiven foreach parcel. Parcels must be marked Bu German Packet. Each purcel must be sealed in such a way as to render it impossible that it should be enemed without detection. The sender must supply a declaration of the nature, value, and net weight of the contents, and of the gross weight of the parcel The printed form for this declaration can be obtained at the Post Office. The parcel must not contain any letter, any article prohibited by Customs rules, lettery tickets, vines, parts dangerous or offensive goods, nor must the package be of a fragile nature. A small charge, not exceeding six cents, may be made for Custom House purposes on the delivery of the parcel. Except Customs dues. this is the only charge the addresses will have to

Parcels must be posted before 3 P.M. on the working day next before the departure of the German Packet. For the convenience of residents at the out-ports a table of dates of de arture of the German Packets from Hongkong is appended. POSTAGE ON EACH PARCEL (Irrespective of weight, up to 7lbs.)

Synin Sweden and Norway ...\$1.56 Austro-Hungary) For Portugal (Continental)\$1.70 Parcel Mails per German Packets close at Hongkong on :--

Dec. 24, 1886. March 19, 1887. June 9, 1887.

Jan. 22, 1887. April 16, 1887. July 7, 1887.

Faby. 19, 1887. May 12, 1887. Aug. 4, 1887. RATES OF POSTAGE. Letters, per ½ oz. 10 Cents Post Cards, each Books, Patterns, and Commercial 2 Cents. Papers, per 2 oz. Newspapers & Prices Current, each Registration Do. with return receipt ... Commercial papers signify such papers as,

though written by hand, do not bear the charac-

ter of an actual or personal correspondence, such

as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge

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THE TEMPORARY CENTRAL MARKET.

As we anticipated in an article which ap- mitted their force, and said :peared in this column on the 12th November in finding a site for a temporary Central Market, while the new permanent structure duals, a ruler or statesman should consider whether last, some little difficulty is being experienced is being erected. A letter from the Surveyor-General was read at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 7th inst. in the Legislative Council on the 7th inst. in which he suggests that the Public Works language, laws, customs, and Teelings of the Chinese, the islands is to take place in a few weeks. Committee should consider the sites avail. Committee should consider the sites avail- and temper. - able for a temporary and provisional Market | This in effect is one of the principal objecand make a recommendation to Government tions against the Bill urged in these columns, for the cassion of Port Hamilton to the latas soon as practicable. It is probable that and it is one which cannot safely be lost the Committee will find their choice of sites so limited that they will be much puzzled might be met by amendments in the draft; which to recommed. Land is scarce and and he suggested as a safeguard against the -valuable in all parts of the city; it is almost arbitrary exercise of the power conferred on unobtainable in the central district. So far the Registrar-General that certain members as we can see, the only places on which a temporary market of any kind could be located in a central position are the two spots | committee, which would prevent too great mentioned in our previous article on the an interference with the domestic affairs of subject, namely, the small open space on the Chinese population and at the same time the Praya at the junction with it of Wing Lok Street, and the vacant piece of ground at the back of the building known as Crosby's Store. The first of these would prove too small, probably, to accommodate all the Ordinance should be opposed by giving vendors of fish, flesh, fruit, and vegetables; and the last named would certainly, if taken for the purpose, soon constitute a anisance to the neighbourhood. If there is no alternative, however, the residents and the officials of the Supreme Court will have to put up with the linbbub and unpleasantness. The P. &O. S. N Company have had to nut up with many disagreeables incident to the propinquity of the Central Market to their premises. from them for a time. We presume that dinance two or more Chinese Justices of the and will no doubt be pleased to be relieved there is no prospect of the removal of the Market altogether to another site. The existing structure will of course give place to a suitable building, adapted in every respect for the purpose, built on sound sanitary principles, and an ornament and a credit to the Colony. It is to be regretted, however, that a site cannot be reclaimed from the foreshore for the new Market, as suggested before. The site of the existing Market would realise a large sum of money, which would go far towards furnishing the funds for the erection of a new edifice, which, as meet them. On the contrary we think it is we have already pointed out, would afford susceptible of very great improvement. Mr. many advantages. The facts that the area of available building ground is so small and the cost of land so increasingly great in the centre of the town, afford further arguments in favour of reclamation if it be at all practicable. Perhaps the Public Works Committee will inquire, when considering the question of a site for the projected temporary Market, whether such reclamation be possible in any central position along the foreshore, and, if so, whether a site thus secured would be suitsecure the end aimed at. The association of able for a Market. If this be the case, they might be spared the trouble of resolving a somewhat difficult problem, as the necessity | for a temporary Market would then disap-

DOMESTIC SERVITUDE IN HONGKONG.

Better Protection of Young Girls was pro- for the protection of women and children. posed for second reading were haid upon the What would be thought of a proposal to astable of the Legislative Council on the 7th | sociate representatives of those societies with inst. The Bill grants extraordinary powers | the magistrates who had to try the cases to the Registrar-General to interfere in the brought forward by such societies? What domestic affairs of the Chinese. The real guarantee is there for the character or abiquestion for discussion is whether this might lity of members of the Po Leung Kuk? not give rise to greater evils than the one What security is there that the society as a the Bill is designed to cure; or, on the other body will be governed by common sense and hand, whether the Registrar-General's pow- not become a tool in the hands of designing ers of interference might not be hedged or functical persons? Then as to the Reabout with such safeguards as to practically gistrar-General himself, as Governor Bowen do away with the danger of fresh evils grow- says, no man could be properly entrusted ing up. The Bill now under consideration with the powers which the proposed Bill is an amended edition of one introduced, but | would confer who does not possess a thorough not passed, in the early part of 1885, and knowledge of the language, laws, customs, very extensive modifications have been made and feelings of the Chinese, and also very in it intended to diminish or remove the ob- peculiar moral qualifications of patience and jections raised to the original measure. Sir temper. What guarantee is there that these George Bowen took up the difficult ques- qualifications will always be found in the tion of domestic servitude shortly after his ar- Registrar-General? It must, moreover, be rival in the colony, and requested an opinion | borne in mind that the Registrar-General, on the subject from Mr. Justice Russell, though the head of his own department, is In reply Mr. Russell prepared an able and not, like the Judges of the Supreme Court, comprehensive report, which we reproduce independent of the Executive, but is entirely in another column, and in respect of which subordinate to the Governor in all matters the Secretary of State wrote to the Go-|appertaining to the duties of his office. I vernor:-"I concur with you in your appre- is not so long since the colony had experience ciation of the value of Mr. Russell's la. of a Governor's power of interference with bours in preparing this clear and able re. | the working of the various departments that view of this question, and I have to request it can have passed out of the recollection of you to express to him my sense of the care the members of Council. Would they willand attention which he has devoted to the ingly give to a man like Governor HENNESSY subject." Mr. Russell's recommendations control of such powers as this Bill confers? are embodied in the final paragraph of his! We cannot be sure that we will always have a recapitulation, which is as follows:--

the registration of children purchased for adoption liable to be interfered with in the exercise of or domestic service, and it is suggested that the Registrar-General and a Chinese Committee should in. vestigate cases of a suspicious nature, with power to call upon "pocket-mothers" to give security for their bond fides towards "pocket-daughters"; also that the Registrar-General should be able to apply to a Judgo chased child. It is also suggested that stone tablets

erected in places of public resort. interfere with the domestic affairs of the this Bill will have that effect, they approve cape. Just when it looked as if she might scrape Chinese population and a kind of power of it on that ground alone without concerning clear, her bilge caught the edge of the reef, and complained of its non-delivery a Chinese character which their ground plan is supwhich could not possibly be efficiently themselves with its other bearings.

exercised by a Government department The Governor in forwarding the Attorney-General's objections, appears to have ad-

I would now add that all men who like myself have had long practical experience in the administration

sight of. The Secretary of State, however, was of opinion that Mr. O'MALLEY's objections of the Chinese Society for the Protection of Women and Children should be associated with the Registrar-General as a consulting solve the difficulty as to what was to be done with a child who had been set free under the provisions of the Ordinance. The Secretary of State further expressed the opinion that evils of the kind dealt with in the draft strong powers to the Executive, and he disapproved of the Bill being abandoned Further correspondence took place tween the different departments, with the result that the Bill now before the Council has been prepared by the Acting Attorney-General, Mr. ACKROYD. In this

Bill it is proposed that the Registrar-General shall have power to associate with bimself in the inquiries to be made under the Or-Peace or such other Chinese persons as may from time to time be designated by the Gavernor, and that the Governor shall have power to make regulations respecting the admission of the public to the inquiries. Mr ACKROYD says the alterations meet the objections raised to the original measure "a far as it is possible or advisable so to do.' That, of course, is a matter of opinion Though the objections have been dealt with to some extent, we do not think the Bill meets them as far as it is possible or advisable to Russell's report clearly shows that something ought to be done, and if further proof were required we need only refer to Dr STEWART's account of the discovery of fourteen young girls in one brothel nursery. Similar nurscries, we have reason to believe, exist in the Colony in considerable numbers. though perhaps the number of children found in this particular case was somewhat unusually large. So far we are entirely at one with the originators of the measure, but we take exception to the means proposed to

the Po Leung Kuk in the exercise of some judicial functions is objectionable and opposed to the principles of good government. It i true that in the present Bill the Po Leung Kuk is not mentioned by name, as it was in the original measure, but we think it clearly intended that the "other Chinese persons" are intended to be representatives of The papers asked for when the Bill for the that Society: There are societies in England

Registrar-General with the peculiar qualifica-It has been shewn that there are fatal objections to | tions required, and even if we could be is his powers by the head of the Executive. Such powers ought to be exercised only by a duly constituted court as independent of the Executive as is the Supreme Court. If it

in Chambers for a writ of Habeas Corpus with the were thought advisable the Registrarview of taking away from improper custodians a pur- General might be made the President of such stating the law of freedom on English soil should be a court; but in that case it would be prudent to associate with bim in the trial of a case a These recommendations met with the concur. | certain number of Justices of the Peace, not rence of the Registrar-General, Dr. STEWART, necessarily Chinese, the decision of the who submitted a draft Ordinance on the sub. | majority to be the decision of the Court. ject. This draft Ordinance was introduced as a There ought to be no difficulty in securing Bill in the Legislative Council, but as soon as | the services of the necessary number of it was published objections were raised to it Justices. There is now a large Bench, and on the ground that the powers given to the the members ought to be prepared to render Registrar-General were of much too inquisi- public services as well as to bear the honour torial and autocratic a character. These ob. of their position. The Bill confers powers jections found expression in the Press, and of fine and imprisonment on the Registrarthe Bill was ultimately dropped. From the General, powers which ought never to be sace of the British steamer Stratheden at Saigon papers now published it appears that the At- exercised in camera but only by a regular- long after her departure from Hongkong caused gistrar-General might summon before him ed in public it would be impossible to arrive

any person whom he reasonably suspected of at any satisfactory result. This difficulty is when the German steamer Olympia, from Saigon, having in his custody any adopted daughter probably more imaginary than real. It would brought here Captain Hutton, the master of the or female servant between the uge of 6 and | not be unreasonable to throw on the party 16 with a view of disposing of her as a pros- claiming the custody of a child the onus of titute, there was no definition of what should proving his right to such custody, and where we find the facts attending the loss of the vessel constitute reasonable grounds of suspicion, he failed to do so, as in the majority of cases to be as follows:—The Stratheden left Hongkong and he thought the provision conferred too he would fail where the child was not his for Saigon on the 26th ult. Inden with 10,000 cases much arbitrary power to be exercised with. own offering, the Court would probably kerosine oil, and a little general cargo for Saigon. out the safeguard of publicity by the Regi- have little hesitation in ordering that the All went well until the following night, the vessel | Ordinauce consisted almost entirely of new legislastrar-General; also that there was no provi- prescribed security be given unless the party meeting a strong monsoon and high sea. After tion perhaps there would be no objection to read- sufficiently punished by a fine of \$500, and prosion as to what should be done with the child accused were able to prove his good character getting clear of this port the usual course was ing the marginal notesouly instead of the clauses posed an amendment taking away from the if it had to be taken away from those hay- and satisfy the Court by substantial evidence set, which, it was anticipated, would carry her in full except where the matter was new. It Magistage the option of inflicting imprisonment ing charge of it on account of their not giving | that his intentions towards the child were third section, which empowered the Registrar. ought not to be allowed to pass. It creates breakers div abead. Immediately this was in order to carry out the Colonial Treasurer's General to apply for a writ of habeas corpus in a new jurisdiction to be exercised in an respect of any female child in the custody of inquisitorial and unconstitutional manner. hard a-port, and the engines to be reversed, and suspended. any person having no legal claim to such The Chinese approve of it, we are told, but the second mate ran to the wheel to assist in The Colonial Treasurer moved that the been inflicted, but it would be if a man delibecustody the a torney-General remarked that their approval, we imagine, amounts simply to getting it over quickly. The vessel paid off standing orders be so far suspended as to allow rately set the Post Office at deliance. If a man the section appeared to give a very extra- this, that they are desirous of seeing certain very well, but unfortunately, with the way she of the reading of the margins only. ordinary power to the Registrar-General to abuses put down, and having been informed had on, her square sails being set, she was a little

THE EVACUATION OF PORT HAMILION.

Whatever doubt may have been entertained as to the intentions of the British Government with regard to Port Hamilton, none need longer exist. The troopship Himalaya, shortly due here with drafts for the Garrison and Squadron, will proceed to Port: Hamilton to embark the Royal Marines in garrison there and bring away all the stores, &c., belonging to the British Government. In other words, the evacuation of which announced that an agreement had been come to between England and China ter when she was prepared to take it over was apparently not so far out in some also finds some corroboration in a telegram published in the American papers dated Paris, December 4, to the following effect: and that it provides for the cession of Port Hamilton to China." The London telegram whole of the cargo and all the fittings of the Parliament. In this section it was stated to the Japan Mail stating that "There is no mestion of the cession of Part Hamilton. It may well be that the British Government. naving carefully weighed the opinions pronegotiations, though, as a matter of course, as to whether the boat could stand it with a big letter and says it is a consignee's tions. As to the policy of the retirement of Eng-

which admits of considerable discussion, so inst., when the Olympia sighted them and picked | "consigness' letters." If they are not marked | Estimates, when they come before the Council, | French packet still continues. many authorities taking opposite views on them up. They had then sailed nearly 500 miles. of course they cannot be treated differently from is open to discussion by the members, so that II.—There has been no extension of Money the question. Major General Sir Andrew tention of the port, and the following remarks by him as to the desirability of England secur-

chain of fortified stations, which will confer on the navy that mobility which is the first coal-supply; although a trade of about nineteen millions sterling in the China seas requires to be safe-guarded. To catch an Alabama at the outset of her career will usually be | found to be the most economical course, and, a cruiser issuing from Vladivostock could at shortly be held into the matter at the Harbour least count on a good start." But the ques: | Office. tion arises whether Port Hamilton would prove a weak link in the chain. Sir Andrew CLARKE goes on to say :- " Port Hamilton may not be a perfect station, but its geopossosses many great untural advantages, present :and is much more defensible than Gibraltar, Malta, or Hongkong. A moderate submarine mine defence and a few new-type guns, mounted on the commanding sites available, will render the harbour sesure against any attack which could be brought against it, and the whole cost would be far less than that of the damage which an escaped cluiser could effect in a few days." Very different views are held, however, by Admiral Hamilton, whose opinion is entitled to great weight seeing that it has been

knowledge, gained at second hand. We have heard it stated that Port Hamilton would in time of war be likely to prove a more rat trap in which a squadron might be held in durance by a single powerful iron- ing the proposal for making public the proceed. clad. It is also asserted that a Russian offi- ings of the Finance Committee, and the Report cer is said to have remarked that they examined the place some seven years ago and would have occupied it had it been worth the trouble. However this may be, it is undeniable that England needs a coaling station further north, and probably will be apparently does not answer the conditions Inspector of Schools. required, and if that be really the case, it is better to evacuate the place and save the expenditure its occupation entails.

formed after careful examination of the place,

while Sir Andrew's was probably based on

LOSS OF THE BRITISH STEAMER "STRATHEDEN."

As was previously intimated, the non-appear-

torney-General, Mr. O'Malley, did not ap- ly constituted court sitting in public. But great misgivings as to her safety, and many fears and libel." were felt that she had gone to the bottom with all prove of it. He pointed out that while the it is argued that if investigations of the hands as several other vessels have done between proposed measure provided that the Re- kind contemplated by the Bill were conduct- this port and Saigon. All doubt on the matter wasset at rest on Thursday night, the 13th inst., Stratheden. Mr. Charles Gablowski, the second mate, and a Malay seamen, together with one of that | information required. vessel's lifeboats. From inquiries we have made some miles clear of the Paracels. The captain | would make it a very long meeting to read the with or without hard labour, and making the seen the order was given for the helm to be put suggestion the standing orders would have to be to be a large sum? too close when the danger was sighted to es-

on the reef, and it was not long before a large Ordinance there was a section to this effect, defiance. hole was made in her bottom. It was that all letters should enjoy any privilege which evident, however, that there was no imme- was granted to them by any Act of Parliament, penalty. diate danger of the vessel going down, so all That was a very vague statement, because it was hands remained on board that night and busied not easy to discover without reference to a mass can pass over it then into a horse-shoe shaped therefore thought it better to embody a defini-lagoon, where there is smooth water, and where tion of consignees' letters. The other new deship off failed; and it was soon seen that she was half of which was new. It used to read " Postago | overboard; he never intended to return. hopelessly fixed. The next day a junk was seen | Stamp shall mean any label or stamp for denotin the lageon, and a parley was entered into for ling any rate of postage, or any envelope, wrapsalving whatever could be saved, and for its con- per, card, form, or paper, words, letters, or They then proceeded to remove the cargo, by post of any correspondence, whether such but several more janks soon came up. postage stamp shall be issued under this Ordin-At first these also entered into the same once or by the Postmaster-General of the United agreement, but as their numbers increased Kingdom." It now went on to say--"or by the respects from the fact. The statement they began to grow bolder, and presently a Government of any Colony or foreign country." regular scramble ensued among them all to look That was intended to include foreign postago the vessel of her cargo and fittings. The stamps so as to meet the possible case of forgery captain and crew of the Stratheden were in the colony of the postage stamps of other powerless to prevent this, and they had countries. -" The Journal des Débats says that a to submit, trying to make the best terms | The clause was passed. formal agreement has been concluded be- possible. The junk people professed to be tween China and England against Russia | ready to convey Captain Hutton and his crew | the old section said that all letters should enjoy vessel they could take. The captain declined "Consignees' letters shall be excepted from the

China by Great Britain" was either not in- nearly full of cargo and would convey them off. letters shall be subject to the same rates of to making public the proceedings of the Finance tended as a denial of Router's message or When the junks appeared to be nearly, loaded postage and general regulations as apply to Committee he wished to know if this was the de- French Mail else it was altogether unfounded. As a mat- they went on board, being divided up by the junk other correspondence." That was the rule spatch which had already been published in one German Mail. ter of fact it is very possible that there is no people; the European's and Malay and Chinese everywhere. Consignees' letters need not be of the newspapers. members being parcelled off in separate batches, taken to the Post Office, but if they were they HIS EXCELLENCY said the despatch was the Imperial Post Office, the Colonial Office, all of them having their personal effects with were treated exactly like any other correspondence. same, and that its publication was due to a misthem or such as the junk people had not pilfered. Hon. P. RYRIE-If a shipmaster chucks all take. The junks did not start when they were expected his letters into the Post Office, and the connd con, have decided that Port Hamilton is to and on inquiring the reason for this dony, the signees letters with them, that section would be not worth acquisition, and simply intend to shipwrecked men learned that they might not go rather hard on the consignees. retire from it, leaving it to its original owner for some weeks, as they proposed to wait for The Colonial Theasurer-So far from the King of Korea. It may, however, be good weather. They had no place to stow that being the rule the shipmaster often keeps a true that an arrangement has been made themselves on the junks but the deck, as the lot of letters he has no business to keep, and he with the Chinese Government for them holds were all filled with the cargo of the takes them to the house, and the house distrito hold it, perhaps in conjunction with Strathedon, and they lived in great discomfort, butes them It is not that the Post Office gets. although they had plenty of provisions. Finding letters which ought to go to the mercantile and by sanction of the Korean Government. they might have to remain in that unenviable house, but the mercantile house gets letters The Japanese Government would doubtless position for a long time, Captain Hutton deter- which ought to go to the Post Office. It is not agree to such an arrangement under certain mined to risk everything to get away, and he necessary consignees' letters should go to the conditions, and no one else would have any called for volunteers to go with him in the Post Office; a man could not be prosecuted for

right to object. The Nichi Nichi Shimbun, Stratheden's lifeboat, and sail southward on the delivering a consignoes' letter, as he could for in a recent article on the subject, intimated chance of falling in with some steamer. Only a letter not a consignees' letter, but if such as much, pretty broadly. It said :- "If it the second mate and the Malay seaman above re- letters do go to the Post Office in many cases be China's intention to fortify the islands ferred to could be induced to join him in this there is nothing upon them to show they are venture, but they nevertheless determined to consignees' letters, and it is impossible to simply as a check against the Russians, start. The boat was accordingly well stocked treat them differently from other letters. without thereby affecting Japanese interests with provisions, and set sail on the 5th inst. Dur- Once they get into the mill they have in the least, it may be possible that Japan ing the first day they met with bad weather, to go through the mill like other letters. may not be wholly unwilling to enter into and fears were felt by the little party It does happen sometimes that a man comes

behaved splendidly. After a time the weather mistake has been obvious, the postage has been moderated, and they kept on southwards, refunded, but, as I say, the Post Office is more stand them, are for the confidential assistance as before. The inconvenience of having the with a good breeze. They never got near any sinned against than sinning. land from Port Hamilton, that is a matter steamer, however, until the evening of the 9th Hon. P. EYRIE-I refer to letters marked

used by the crew they would not have seen the who he is consigned to; and he thinks he is ing a coaling station north of Hongkong, and boat. They bore down, took the three men on bound to send all his letters to the Post Office. are evidence, and I fully concur in the steps you and this has been provided without very much diffion the way to Vancouver, will be endorsed by board, and hoisted their boat into their own davits. If he had ten or twenty letters marked "con- proposate take in paragraph 8 of your despatch, culty. The want of room, however, is increasingmost English readers :- "The defence of They then shaped a course for the Paracels, signees" it would be rather hard. the intricate network of trade routes with | owing to Captain Hutton's representations, with | The COLONIAL TREASURER-I would point ness; while it is necessary for us to look be- the junks might have set sail, and be on their way it on letters not consignees' letters at all.

day. Protected coaling-stations are vital to the shipwrecked mentime these three left the Paracels all the other | ed that amount, which the add compass. That, however, will form a subject for ing smoothly at present on the basis of this failing a secured coal-supply in this region, investigation by a court of inquiry, which will section.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative graphical position is almost ideal, while it Council was held on the 14th inst. There were

HON. W. H. MARSH. C.M.G. Hon. Sir George Phillippo, Chief Justice. Hog. F. Stewart, Acting Colonial Secretary Hon. E.J. ACKROYD, Acting Attorney-General. Hon. A. LISTER, Colonial Treasurer. Hon. J. M. PRICE. Surveyor-General.

Hon. H. G. THOMSETT, Harbour Master. Hon. P. Ryrie. Hon. Wong Shing. Hon. A. P. MACEWEN.

Hon, J. BELL-IRVING. Hon. C. P. CHATER. Mr. A. Seth, Clerk of Councils.

The minutes of the last meeting were rea and confirmed. The following papers were laid on the table:-

A despatch from the Scoretary of State respectof the Postmaster General for 1886. The Acting Colonial Secretary moved

that the following votes which had been considered by the Finance Committee be authorised by the Council, namely, \$300 for a telegraph line say ill-considered manner in which it was put in tend to induce more care as to both of these which may be due to an unusual freedom from between the Observatory and the time ball unable to find one. But Port Hamilton station, and \$600 increase in the salary of the The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded.

> The following Bills, on the motion of the ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded by the ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY, were read a first there. time: - "An Ordinance for promoting the Revision of the Statute Law by repealing certain en. a bad state at the time, I believe, sir. actments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary," and "An Ordinance four years before. to amend the law respecting defamatory words

THE NEW MARINE SURVEY FEES. with respect to the resumption of the consider. there is no means of carrying it out. ation in committee of the Bill entitled an Ordiwould move that it be postponed for another penalties, the section rending-"For every for week as he had not been able to obtain all the offence against this Ordinance for which no Carried.

THE POST OFFICE BILL. The Council went into committee on the Bill entitled the Post Office Ordinance. The Colonial Treasurer said that as this

she was at once driven upon it. The high sea new sections had been introduced. The definit have a heavy fine for the case of a person who there,

thomselves in getting the weather boats over to of Acts what letters were privileged. There The reef is under water at high tide, and boats which were provided for in the Bill. He had junks always go for safety. All efforts to get the finition was that of postage stamp, the second veyance, together with the crew, to Hoihow. marks, purporting to authorise the transmission

On clause 6, the Colonial Treasurer said these terms, and failing to make any other agree- exclusive privilege of the Postmaster-General, question of the cession of Port Hamilton to ment be and the crew waited until the junks were but, if taken to the Post Office such consignees' With reference to the despatch laid on the table as French Mail

such a policy cannot be foreshadowed de- She was a fine little craft, however, and letter, and in some cases like that, where the

lights burned and revolvers fired from a boat. tains of the regular line steamers know very well, It was dark at the time, and but for the signals but often a captain comes here and does not know

which British energy has covered the seas, the intention of picking up the rest of the crew, out there is nothing to prevent any one writ is not so simple a problem that a further They were, however, set out by a current, and ing "consignees" or any cover whatever, and if acquisition of territory can be pronounced finding himself so far beyond thereof, the master lit were once understood a letter with that upon him will be practically attained, while at the corner, where literally there is often not room to decided to come on to Hongkong. As it was fine it was to pass free or at a very reduced rate of off hand to be only a new source of weak- weather then it was thought highly probable that postage many unscrupulous persons would write youd the mere peace requirements of the to. Heihow or some other port with the rest of sequently there is a very great objection to -I have, &c., allowing consignees' letters to be charged by the the defence of British trade in war, and that At the time the boat was picked up there Post Office with any reduced rate of postage. fact is now receiving practical acknowledg- were plenty of provisions on board, and the found at one time we were only charging two The Officer Administering the Government of ment in the works under construction at all boat might have gone on for a long period cents on consignees' letters, that is, the penny the most important colonial harbours. Bethe most important colonial harbours. Bethe three men on board. They were quite this, that the Chinese postmen added an fore long, we shall possess an unrivalled well when they were taken off her. At the ought to the two, making 2 into 20, and collectmembers of the crew were there in good health, a general rule there was no complaint and the necessity of war. North of Hougkong, how- no mishaps having occurred among them, and postman pocketed the balance. For that reason ever, there is no British port and no war doubtless they will be heard of soon. The some years ago the especial privilege which con- Legislative Council on the afternoon of the 14th Stratheden was still lying on the reef, but it is not signees' letters had enjoyed for some time was instant:likely she will ever be saved. As to how she abolished. The new system has gone on ever since come to get into such a position, we believe it is and has not led to any complaint; it works perascribed either to the setting in of some unex- feetly well at present und having found it to succeed pected current, or to some derangement of the I should like it to continue. The thing is work-

> The clause was passed without amendment. On clause 25, the Colonial Treasurer said A slightalteration has been made here. The old section read-" The master of every vossel shall transmission and shall sign a receipt for the His Excellency the Acting Governor, rya mail, because it is his interest to carry mails been, of course, as it was foreseen there would the desirability of having an extra hand al-

> > dinance." The clause was passed. On clause 26, which defines offences against the | should not have been forwarded, unless in solder- | Here he depends on one or two hastily written Ordinance, the Colonial Treasurer said that ed tin. As far as is known at present, even in Chinese characters, and if there happens to be a in introducing the Bill he stated that there had this case no serious damage resulted to the con- similarity in sound between the name as dictatnever been any penal clause for infringements | tents of the parcels. With these exceptions the | ed. or as written, and some other name (H. oper of the Postmaster-General's monopoly. A sub- parcels have all turned out in good order. It is and Cooper, Tai-ku and Tai-kun for instance) section had therefore been added a aking such in- observed that books are now often sent by Par- the chances of a mistake are very great.

> > fringement an offence. The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL-This is knocked about as do articles which are forwarded | Harbour Master, the director of the Observatory, very important, because it immediately raises in mail bags. The London Post Office complains and the Postmaster-General was appointed to the question of Chinese letters, and therefore I of the insecure way in which many parcels are examine into the question of signalling the Engthink it is a matter which ought to receive the packed by the senders, leading to the breakage of lish mails from Kowloon Point. It was found serious attention of the Council. The Chief their contents on the way, and also of the in- impossible to devise any efficient and inexpensive Justice remarks that the putting in force of a accuracy with which contents are described. Thus signal which would not clash with the weather similar clause caused a riot at Singapore. The Colonial Treasurer—There is no handkerchiefs and ago'dring is found on examinadoubt it did. At the same time I am bound to tion to contain six silk handkerchiefs, a toa cosy, gun for mail signals should be discontinued. say it was not so much the character of the law a gold ring, a bead necklace, a puzzle and a pair itself as the somewhat hasty and perhaps I may of ivory solitaires. Perhaps this notice may the arrival of an unsignalled mail, a circumstance force. It was sprung suddenly on the Chinese matters. manner, besides which the settlement was then thing else would have served as well.

The COLONIAL TREASURER-But I would

No further discussion took place as to the despecific penalty is provided the offender shall be liable, on summary conviction before a Magistrate, to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding six months." The Acting Attorney-General suggested that offences against the Ordinance would be imprisonment contingent only on default in pay-

Hon. A. P. MACEWEN—Does not \$500 appear The Colonial Treasurer-It has never different from cases of carelessness or smaller Carried.

The Colonial Treasurer said with refer- offences. In my own experience \$100 is the letter for Peking; and then within one week from the there now), the Wellington Barracks are called after

HIS EXCELLENCY—\$500 is the maximum

be liable to it who sent one letter? The COLONIAL TREASURER—Certainly he weighing 642 lb.

the lee side and victualling and putting them were only two classes of privileged letters here, would, but the difficulty would be to get such a thoroughly ready for use in case the worst came, consignees letters and soldiers letters, both of penalty inflicted. I would mention that this has Brindisi, Shanghai, and Japan has been been in force new for twenty-five years. Hon, P. Ryrie-And it has very often been German Lloyds line. The fact that these

take mails if required, that he would throw them | and that their departures from China coincide The Colonial Treasurer—I never knew

The clause having been amended by the insertion of the words "or in default" before the words "to imprisonment" it was passed. The other clauses were passed, and the Bill was reported with amendments. THE PROMISSORY DATHS ORDINANCE. This Bill passed through Committee.

The Acting Attorney-General, in reply to His Excellency, stated that at the next meeting he would introduce a Bill relating to the Triad Society, a Bill relating to the carrying of arms, and, he hoped, a Bill relating to corporal

NEW LEGISLATION.

Hon. A. P. MACEWEN said there was a quest interest. tion he wished to put if notice could be waived.

ADJOURNMENT. The Council edicurned until Friday next

THE PRIVATE MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

of the Legislative Council on Friday after-THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

TO THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE

GOVERNMENT OF HONGKONG.

Downing Street, 17th November, 1886. Sir.—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 282, of the 30th of the numbers of Chinese who have settled in Vic August, relative to a proposal which had been | toria (B.C.) and elsewhere. brought forward in the Levislative Council, for making public the proceedings of the Finance. Company and the United States Government

ceedings of the Finance Committee, as I under- | now arrive by every steamer from San Francisco of the Governor in framing the Estimates of the | retu n mails frequently despatched from here on ensuing year, and that any portion of the the day fixed for the leaving of the English or to notice the increased interest in the public ex-

money votes submitted to the Council. 3.—I trust that in this way the object of Mr. occasionally arise were the proceedings of the as if it were a ship's cabin. Finance Committee made public will be avoided.

(Signed) EDWARD STANHOPE. Hongkong.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT FOR 1886. The following report was presented to the

General Post Office, Hongkong, January 1st. 1887.

working of the Post Office in Hongkong and in 1865, and was evidently intended to be final. China during the year 1886. Kingdom established towards the end of 1885 has worked with great regularity and smoothness, whilst the steadily increasing numbers of in view of the representations of this Departparcels forwarded show that it is appreciated by | ment, to allow the employment of unsalaried proreceive on board all mail bags and correspondence | the public. During the year under review 3,136 | bationers, in the Post Office only. Postal work tendered to him by the Post master-General for parcels have been forwarded from Hongkong to is distinctly work which has to be learnt, a London, whilst 3.516 have been received, mak- beginner however intelligent, is somewhat worse same." But as a matter of fact it would never | ing a total of 6.652 parcels exchanged, almost | than useless; he gets in the way, has to be be the master of a vessel who would refuse to car- without a complaint of any kind. There have shown everything, and he makes mistakes. Hence as he gets a certain gratuity. The person who be a few false alarms * of missing parcels, and | ways in training, so that when a vacancy does would refuse would be the owner or agent, and early in the year some parcels were damaged occur it has not to be filled by a raw recruit to meet that case the second half of the section | by an accident on the mail steamer. The damage, has been added on-"The owner or agent of any however, was trifling, and compensation was out how, in this Office, unlike most other Post vessel who refuses to allow any mail to be put paid in the only case where real harm was done. Offices, everything has to be filtered through on board of or transmitted by such vessel shall By the last mail in the year several parcels were two languages, one of which at least is but very be deemed guilty of an offence against this Or- leceived in a dumaged state from having boon imperfectly understood by many of the clerks put into a box with a package containing poma- | who use it At home a postman reads the adtum, which had of course melted, and which dress on a letter and delivers it accordingly.

cel Post, presumably because they do not get l a pircel stated by the sender to contain silk signals made at that station. It was therefore

community and was worked in a somewhat basty 3.—The limit of weight for parcels to the some day all difficulties of this kind will be ob-United Kingdom and a good many other counin a very bad state; it was honeycombed by setries has been raised from 7 to 11 lb., whilst projected Gap Rock lighthouse, which would cret societies who were fighting in the street and facilities have been provided for forwarding give the community here four hours' notice of the this perhaps only served as a pretext, when any parcels to most of the countries of Europe, to approach of the mail Egypt, and to a good many British Colonies. The CHILF JUSTICE—That is not so. I was Direct parcel exchanges with Malta and Gibral- between this Office and the Peak signal station tar have also been established. Negotiations is much to be desired. What with clouds, night-The COLONIAL TERASURER-But it was in have been commenced with several of the Aus- fall, flags blowing straight on end, and other cirtralian Colonies for the establishment of an ex- | cumstances, the Post Office too often obtains the The CHIEF JUSTICE-It had been, three or change of purcels, and these age progressing minimum rather than the maximum of informa-

4.—The number of Transit Parcels, as they

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British Guiana			Malta	, 2	_
Canada	., 5	_	Norway	. ~	· —
Cape Colony	_	2	Sweden	. 8	
Donastk	6	_	Switzerland	. 7	
Egypt	. 4		Trinidad	. 1	_
	1 20		With a series of Assessment	١	1

5.—By far the greater number of parcels sent come contain presents of some kind, whilst the greater number of those sent out contain sup-· Every week a sheaf of letters is received from

signed a receipt for it. Nothing further is ever heard, vent errors. The same difficulty applic

caused her to bump heavily, and drove her farther tion of consignees' letters was new. In the old may think it worth his while to set the law at plies, such as hosiery, clothing, &c. The largest parcel mail despatched was that of November 8th (the Christmas mail) by which 314 parcels, weighing 588 lb. (net) * were forwarded. The The CHIEF JUSTICE—But would not a person largest purcel mail received was that which arrived here on December 17th, with 246 parcels

> 6 .- A new mail service between Bremerhaven, commenenced by the packets of the North evaded. I have known a captain say he would not packets start only once every four weeks. very nearly with those of the French mails prevents this line being a very important factor in the mail routine, but it has been possible to establish, by its means, a direct Parcel Post to most countries of the Continent of Europe. There was no parcel post to several important European countries (France for instance) whilst the others were served by a circuitous route via Gibraltar and London. On'y six parcels were despatched by the Gorman Packet which left on December 27th. It might be well for German residents in China, who are desirous of getting out any small articles from Germany, to let their friends in that country know that they can now forward parcels not exceeding three kilogrammes in weight to Hongkong or Chinese ports at a fixed postage of Fr. 4.25 per parcel. 7—The following figures as to the arrivals of the first two German mails in London may be of

> > Hongkong. London. Days. September 2 October 8.—A correspondence has taken place between

and this Government, as to the renewal of the Contract for transporting the English mails. between Brindisi and Shanghai. There were only three offers those namely, of the P $\sim k \sim \Omega$ Co., of Mr. Alfred Holt, and of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. One of the tenders of the first-named Company has been accorted. the mail to be carried for £265,000 a year for ten years. The report of this Department on the The f llowing despatch was laid on the table subject will be found in the Appendix (B) . : 13:

9.—Although the proposed trans-pacific line of steamers between Hongkong and British Columbia will not do much for this Colony so far as postal matters are concerned, its establishment is to be desired on many other grounds. Since the Pacific mail packets commenced runing between this port and Sun Francisco, correspondence with Canada has increased in the most marked manner; chiefly owing no doubt to

10.—The dispute between the Pacific Mai Committee upon which you request my instruct which led to the discontinuance of carrying inward mails from San Francisco by the Com-2.—In reply, I have to observe that the pro- | puny's vessels, has been adjusted, and the mails

From these on board the Olympia we learn other letters, but if they are marked it would be I am unable to see any sufficient reason for Order business during the year, which is not a CLARKE, in a recent communication to the that when about twenty miles to the S.W. of Pa- rather hard. Semetimes the captain does not altering the existing practice, which appears to matter of regret, as the Money Order system Pall Mall Gazette, strongly favours the re- daran, their attention was attracted by seeing know who to deliver the letters to. The cap- have worked satisfactorily. I am, however, glad was really growing too fast for the limited resources of the Pepartment to keep pace with it. It penditure of the Colony and its good government, has been found absolutely necessary to have more of which the discussions which have taken place clerical assistance in the Money Order Office, for furnishing fuller information in regard to | ly and severely felt, and a simple remedy is not so easy to devise. The business of the Money Order Office, like too much of the work of this MacEwen and of those gentlemen who supported | Department, is carried on in a dark and crowded same time the inconvenience which might turn, and where every square inch is economised

12 -This want of room is yearly becoming a more serious question. The Sanitary Board has pointed out that the quarters inhabited by the Chinese staff are overcrowded. They certainly are according to European ideas, even according to Chinese ideas there is not much room to spare. When foreign countries begin to claim their International right to have direct Parcel exchanges with Hongkong, it will be very difficult to see where the necessary room is to come from. A little additional spacemay be gained by bailding, and by a re-arrangement of verandahs, &c., and then (unless it were possible to put on an additional storov) the limit will have been reached and at much sacrifice of light and air. The Colony will be face to face with a demand for a new SIR,-I have the honour to report upon the Post Office. The present building was finished

When the office is rebuilt it should be construct-2.-The exchange of Parcels with the United | ed. not for existing needs, but for those of twenty vears later. 13.—The Secretary of State has consented,

14.—It may perhaps be permissible to point

15.-A Committee consisting of the Acting recommended that the use of the Kowloon Point Fortunately no inconvenience has arisen from fog during the year. It is to be hoped that viated by telegraphic communication with the

16.—In the meantime a direct telephone line tion from the Peak.

17.—There have been two casualties during remark that to give an officer a monopoly with- are called (that is of parcels sent to or from the year. The steamer Douglas was lost on Feout any power to enforce it is a very idle provi- Colonies and foreign countries through London) bruary 10th with coast mails on board, which The Acting Attorney General said that sion of law. A monopoly is no monopoly if has not been great. Possibly the circuitous were not recovered. Communication between route, and the necessarily somewhat high charges | the Coast Ports and Hougkong having been inmay have acted as deterrents. The following terrupted for several days by the Chinese New name to amend Ordinance No. 8 of 1879, he finition of offences, but a debate arose as to the return shows the exchanges of Transit Parcels | Year holidays, the mails were unfortunately exceptionally heavy. The Madras was lost with a mail for this Office from Nagasaki. Most of the correspondence was subsequently recovered by H.M.S Midge, and forwarded to destination. 18.—I he service to Japan has gone on fairly well, the mails having been forwarded without

many excessive delays. The English mail of January 22nd was sont on to Kobe in the City of Rio (vid Yokohama). It would have been better to keep it here a couple of days longer for the Zambesi, but at the time of its despatch it was not known when that vessel would start. The English mail of September 3 was sent to With the boxes, those parcels weighed nearl half a fon

+ A letter was handed to a Chinese postman who var us Post Offices representing that this or that was told to take it to Mr. X. "Do you mean long-regretered article has not reached its destination, bearded X?" he asked. The name being one that The same stereotyped answer is always sent, that it did not lend itself to Chinese pronunciation the souward delivered on such a day, and that the addressee briquet of long-bearded X, had been inve ' o presaid. "I am going to send my ship away, but I of these complaints, which generally arise from the streets, &c. Richmond Terrace is called the New six The ACTING COLONIAL BECRETARY seconded. will not take any mails," that would be very senders not having allowed time for the arrival of houses, West Terrace the Old six houses, the Albany the correspondence. A case was recently noticed in is Figure 1 Row (because of its shape), Pedder's Hill

was not notified, and it occured notice that there. Reiden. Swatow, Amay, Foothow, Ediversity by those who approve and disapprove of personal liberty. The obligations cast by same that the formal degenerate between the Registrar-General to or two. As far as is known those were the only 185 aghai. the earliest opportunity for a mail for Japan ex- to Mr. Kop-ch, pointing out that these Agencies by completed, a report thoseon, and I request is said that good mistresses occurred in the beginning of this year. Wong find reasonable security for their bond files tocept one instance (the French mail for Yoko- are in reality Agencies of the Imperial Post | that in common with such report the question | never sell their purchased servants as prostitutes | Ahoi's case, in reference to a kidnapped by de- are is such children. The Registrac-General ful which stemmer would arrive first that this 3.—As His Excellency the Officer Administer- measures should be taken to remove any of the so by poverty, and then they sell them to good and sold for \$65. A man who recommended the members of the Po Leung Kuk -the Chinese so ful which stemmer would arrive first that this 3.—As His Excellency the Officer Administer- measures should be taken to remove any of the Against these may be set the fact that, on July State for the Colonies, for the consideration of [123]. 13th, the Agent of the Pacific Mail Co. courted the Imperial Post Office, I permit myself to Report as under consideration, has been carried more of our fellow-countrymen than of any out, and our relations with the United Kingdom other nation, the convenience and welfare of are now simply those of the Postal Union, with their correspondents in other parts of the world, a special payment of £6,000 a year in addition, and the interests of trade. The experience of The saving of labour, conving, &c., is very more than eleven years in dealing with the

20;-The state of several of our Postal (until the Japanese Offices were established) con-Agencies, specially those of Amoy and Foothow, vinces no that it is desirable in these interests was taken into serious consideration by the to accept the proposal of the Chinese Covern-Government on the carnest representations of ment if possible. this Department. It was felt that the existing | 5 - Extra-territorial Post Offices may be de-21.—This was a proposal from Mr. Com- eventually do o, and that before very long.

found in the Appendix (C).

matter. The tone both of this meeting, and of is doe for transfer to another port. ject may perhaps be allowable. To demand that | re-cross.

attempt the much more modest talk of carrying residents send their letters by the mail if they parents, but there is no "deed of sale," properly already observed, no opportunity is lost by the on the smill coast service at present conducted | think fit to do so; if not, and more generally, so-called, as in the case of strangers, as will pre- Officials of the Colony in proclaiming the rights by this colony, is, as one of the speakers at | they send them on loard the steamers. Too | sently appear. Shanghai graphically put it, like insisting that often the chief function of the Post Office seems | If the head of the family desires to adopt a man, woman and child. It is emphatically ima boy shall not go near the water till he has to be to take the blame if anything goes wrong. In the second of the child as a son and is unable to obtain a pressed upon the inhabitants, that the payment various writers on this subject must be regard- Canton and here, and Macao and this port, and last routes, especially as railways are introduced. offer would be given to the public, and I cannot invariably executed and given to the custody of any person bethe avoidance of huge schemes like a postitence | much extended.

mediate fature.

being rainously expensive, would make the Postal ! Department here a missuce and a hindrance to have yet to be made acquainted with them. trade which would not be tolerated for a week. The function of a Post Office is to facilitate, not to | Postal Agencies have been managed so far. (of hinder business. Proposals of a practical nature | which I feel I am to some extent in a position | have, as you are aware, been submitted to the to speak), the way in which the whole work of Government in this matter, and they are at pro- | the Customs is done, and the manner in which | sent under consideration.—I have the honour to the lighting of the coast of China has been ac from amongst strangers, (and therefore with a there' or mistresses is such that often when he. Sir. your obedient servant

A. LISTER, Postmaster General. The Honourable F. Stewart, Acting Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, 16th June, 1886. Sir.-I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 939 of yesterday's date. referring to me for an early report the Secretary. of State's Despatch No. 57 of May 14, with its enclosures respecting the proposed new contract for the Eastern Mail Service.

2.—This subject has been so long under disclosed in deaft should be forwarded without de- Honekong and Japan, the bulk of it through | (See Honekong Contagious Diseases' Commislay. I have the pleasure of knowing that I am in I Hongkong. accord with the views of the Legislative Council and of the Chamber of Commerce.

 The best tender to accept. (2) The contribution of Hongkong.

(3.1 The Canadian route. (4.) The hour of departure from Hongkong. 4.-As to the best tender to accept, Lord Wolverton's lucid report leaves no question open. I am very glad to see that no experiments are to be tried in the way of leaving the mails to be conveyed, on any portion of the route, by chance

5.-As to the contribution of Hongkong, the Colonial Office has already raised the question whether, if the Imperial Government effects a saving, the Colonies should not share it. The Imporial Treasury replies, Ceylon, ves; Singapore and Hongkong, no. Hongkong's equitable share of the loss was assessed at £12,000 odd, and the Colony has been all wed to pay only 68,000. Unless the saving to the Imperial Government amounted to lowering the expenditure by more than half, this sum could not be refineed. This appears to be a fair way of regarding the matter, and I think this Colony

should be content to stipulate that it is not to be asked for more than £6,000. 6.—As to the Canadian route, the Imperial Post Office confirms what I have held since first I looked into the proposal. The service would he slower by three days than that via Suez, and nuless fortnightly, and timed to alternate regularly with the French packets, could not Macao, the Post Office of which used to be possibly replace those of the P. & O. As an alternative route it might be of some service, this Office. The financial results are, I should deed or other written instrument a complete pobut unless the homeward packet left here within | imagine, satisfactory to that Colony. three days of the departure of the English and | 19.-A great number of details will require

7.—The question of the hour of departure them at present I will only say that I know of Officials recognise these bargains of pledge and may seem a small one, but it is not so in reality, none incapable of satisfactory adjustment. For sale as binding, eyen, it appears, where the child for it must by remembered that any inconvenifor it must by remembered that any inconvenithe information of the Imperial Post Office I may
has been previously stolen provided the purchaser
has been previously stolen provided the purchaser
hence female child-stealers were more common
In paragraph 18, page 123 of the Blue-book ouce caused by an unsuitable hour will recur add that the almost daily communication between has complied with the custom in getting a deed fortnightly till it is removed. It is better there- this port and Shanghai and the possession by fore to attend to the point now than to have dis- | the Chinese Government of a line of steamers content and memorialising by and by. It is very | will prevent any difficulty as to the conveyance desirable that the P. & O. packets, like the e of of mails, even if both the English and French hour of departure of the French pickets cannot Hougkong. be altered, on account of saving daylight at the mouth of the Saigon river. Having consulted at Shanghai, where, in a moderate-sized settlewith Mr. Muchwen, the only member of the ment, there are half a dozen different Post ture of both mails would meet the wishes of the it .- I have &c., business and general community, and would do away with the long and fatiguing day now caused fortnightly by the later hour fixed for The Honourable F. Stewart, Acting Colonial the departure of the English Mail .- I have, &c., . A. LISTER,

Postmaster General. The Honourable F. Stewart, Acting Colonial Secretary.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, 26th May, 1886. Sir I have the honour to encle a scopy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. H. Kopsch, confor the Commissioners of Customs under the Chi-* These remarks must not be taken as implying

any reflection on the officers in charge of the Agencies in question, whose only fault was their inability to

do impossibilities, or to be in two places at once.

only organisad Post Offices in the Far East

condition of affairs could not be allowed to go on. scribed as necessary axils, and exils which should and that, unsatisfactory as it might be for Hong- | be got rid of as soon as the necessity for their kong to be saidled with the whole expense of | continuance is removed. The objections to them improving these Agencies, improved they must be must be so well known to H. M. Government -or abolished. * : he Estimates for this year | that I need not here recapitulate them. In would accordingly have embedied provision for China they have certainly been free from a considerable increase of staff at Amoy, had not | one disadvantage attaching to them elsewherea proposal been made which promised an entirely | they have not, hitherto, wounded national susceptibility. But it is quite cossible they may missioner Kopsch, on hehalf of the Chinese 6.—The Hongkon: Government maintains, to perform sacrificial ancestral rites. So much to have existed almost from time immemorial. Government, to take over, as a step formeds the under very great disadvantage, eight Post Offices is it so that if a man dies without male represent But it will be seen from the Blue-book already

Postal work carried on by this Government at hai) by Consular officers, whose Consular duties adopted for him by his people. The origin and anxious to put down sales for prostitution. They eight of the Treaty Ports of China. The report naturally have to take precedence. Able and reason of the requirement will be found fully think, however, that the advantages of their of this Department on that proposal will be diligent as most of these gentlemen are, their described in a Chinese petition addressed to the system of adoption and child service much outfrequent removals, and the pre-sure of other Governor and in Dr. Eitel's learned paper on | weigh the evils attendant on it, and I take it 12. Wr. Kopseh's schone has of course raised duties in vitably stand in the way of the attain- Domestic Servitude in relation to Slavery." from Lord Kimberiey's speech in the House of mue's discussion, especially in Shanghri, where ment of any very high degree of efficiency. By These documents are published at page 44,57 of Lords, 21st June, 1880, and his published design. a public meeting was convened to consider the the time a Postal Agent has learnt his duties he the Blue-book already referred to. The rule patches, that Her Majosty's Government is sa-

papers, was most fair, reasonable, and moderate. ing in the Consulates, are too far removed from generation younger, generally a nephew. The methods of adoption and of domestic service, Some of the objections paised possess much the business parts of the Settlements to be really father as a rule will give any of his boys but the the mere fact of a money payment would force, thou is one less as yet been pur for officient. Only this morning, in looking into a eldest. The second son is the one usually selected. not be sufficient reason for proceeding othera letter cannot be registered there without send- the fact of adoption: Among near relatives no which are the natural concomitants of Chinese | slavery existed, and that all transactions of "place" in such a case, and submitted that the ward which can be regarded as a real obstacle question relative to Swatow, I am reminded that The principal members of the clantare notified of wise than gradually against these systems, 23.—How China may elect to develop her ling a messanger across a (frequently tempesta- money appears to pass and no "deed of sale" or patriarchalism. There are signs, however, one) stretch of sen which under the most favour- "deed of gift" is made, if, however, the rela- amongst the /Chinese of what Sir Henry

perial Gavernment before that Government may any Postal Regulations in Chinese ports. The citing the transaction is given to the adopting "Ancient law" published that work. But, as

the policy of the Chinese Post Office of the im- 10.-The Customs would bring to the task adopted becomes entitled to the same rights and frequenters thoroughly know our laws on this very much larger staffs, officers on duty night privileges as one adopted from among relatives. point. Frequently, at the Police Courts and the 24.—Should the proposal of the Chinese Gov- and day, buildings in the heart of the business | Adopted sons, whether relatives or strangers, Police Stations and at the Registrar-General's necessary to improve our Postal Agencies. They steamers both on arrival and departure, the after adoption a son is born to the adopting par- aside accompanied by a strong admonition. If laws that there is any suspicion against the latter and the cannot be left as they are. On the other hand, power of search, and, most important of all, the ents the adopted son loses none of his rights, but | there was a breach of criminal law there has no suggestion to open additional agencies at the sanction of the national authority, which would shares equally in the patrimony with the natural- always been punishment; and although in the expense of this Government should be entertain- allow of the making and enforcing of regula. | born son. Sous take equal shares, whether by course of time, not far distant it is hoped, the tions, such as exist in most ports elsewhere 25.—The time has perhaps arrived when 11.—I am aware that a proposal to hand over something should be done to bring the Chinese | Postal business to any one not under the imme- | in the Colony are apparently not so tied down to | claim by right of purchase, will be thought of correspondence transmitted to and from this Co- diate control of the British Government will be seeking male relations for adoption as are the here, nevertheless, as Lord Kimberley remarks, lony more under control. There can be no doubt | regarded hy some persons, even by some persons | Cantonese. that the revenue suffers serious loss from the whose opinions are entitled to great respect. senergling of thousands of Chinese letters, not | with a feeling of little less than horror. Very to Chinese ports where there is no national Post | much the same prejudice existed with regard to | Office to receive them, but to San Francisco, the withdrawal of our Post Offices from Japan Australia, the Straits Settlements, and other | some years ago. If, since that withdrawal, there places where efficient Post Offices exist. The has ever been a syllable of complaint from the rights with natural born daughters. They are of prostitution either here or at the Straits subject is surrounded with difficulties, and the foreign communities in Japan. I have not heard sweeping measures so often advocated, besides of it; and if there are Post Offices that do their

work better than the Japanese Offices do, I on the inheritance. The daugliter takes no with the idea that they are the property of their 12.—Moreover the way in which the Castoms

quires ordinary care and attention, would be are called "pocket-daughters." Their so-called break into tears and protest that not only are unsafe in the hands of the Customs establish- mothers are called "pocket-mothers." They are they willing to become prostitutes but that it is the acceptance of the proposal put forward by Mr. | age they are the victims of debauchees, who

questions numbered 2 and 3. I may report as ! finitely arranged so early as January, 1-87. 16.-Supposing foreign Post Offices withdrawn, but Cleina not for some time subsequent to their withdrawal admitted to the Postal Unicussion, and is presented by the London P st on, the position would be this; China would be Office in so clear a light, that there appears to be a Non-Union Country, the correspondence orino doubt as to the course the Colony should pur- I ginating in which would find its way to the rest. suc. In recommending that the Telegram en- of the world through two Union Countries. | business who reside beyond our jurisdiction."

17.—It would be far more satisfactory than making any special and temporary arrangements 3-That draft Telegram deals with four for Hongkong at once to treat China as if it were a Union Country, that is to say:-(a.) Correspondence posted at Chinese Post Offices would be prepaid in any stamps the Chinese Government chose to use, would be forwarded by Hongkong as paid to destination. and the Chinese Post Office would keep all the

> sums it collected by way of postage on such correspondence. (b.) Once a year till China should enter the Testal Union, or once in three years after such entry, observations would be made in Hongkong, during 28 days, of the amount of correspendence originating in China passing through.

The totals of these observations would be multiplied by 13. (c.) China would pay Hongkong the actual sums this Colony would be out of pocket from having forwarded the correspondence at its own expense, plus transit rates of 2 fr. per kilogramme for letters and 25 centimes per kilogramme for other objects. In the case of correspondence made up into closed mails these transit rates would not be charged.

(d.) With regard to correspondence for China from foreign countries, the expenses of transit would be arranged by Hongkong with the countries of origin, which are responsible for such expenses, and the correspondence would reach Chinese Offices as paid. 18.—This is precisely the course which has That has been done elsowhere, and was the sub-

been adopted with regard to the Colony of regarded as a kind of semi-recognised agency of French Mails, even this small advantage would settlement in the event of the acceptance of this certain stipulations such as that when the girl proposal, but it is useless, to attempt to deal with

20.—The desirability of simplifying matters

- A. Lister. Postmaster General.

CHILD ADOPTION AND DOMESTIC SE TUE AMONG CHINESE.

The following "report on Child Adoption and Domestic Service among Hongkong Chinese," tive Council on the 7th ir at. :-

propositions by my uncertainty as to the cases; and no chance has ever since been lost of ence, however, in the action taken before the It would work smoothly and probably accords it was clearly stated, and the fact that in this prisoners.

four heads, as follow:---

i.-Child adoption as existing among Chionly; abuses connected therewith.

be given to the parents, called "compensation tract" and "the ideas of which the race is capes so huge an Harpire shall be covered with a net- 8.—Another great disadvantage is that the money for the expense of rearing the child," and lable " show themselves to be different from work of convier services organised by the Im- Hong ong Government of conces cannot enforce in that case, a "presentation card" or paper re- what they were when the eminent author of

learned to swim. Any successful postal system 9.—The Customs Authorities propose to re- relation, he is apparently at liberty to adopt a of money for a child confers no title which in China must begin from the coast, and with place this very imadequate service with Post stranger-in-blood, for whom, however, he almost English Officers will recognise. Again and steamer communication. It may then possibly Offices at 23 ports (including all those at which invariably pays a price. The stranger may be again has it been pointed out by the Judges of be pushed up the rivers as steamers are admit- this office maintains Agencies). At most if not of the same surname, although of a different clan the Supreme Court, by the Magistrates, To make haste slowly should be the motto, and doubt that these facilities would eventually be The surname and name are changed and the cause of a money payment, and the grown clan is notified of the fact. A stranger thus up permanent residents of the Colony and its

the lawful wife or by a concubine.

ADOPTION OF FEMALE CHILDREN AS

The system is conducted in the same manner as the adoption of males; but comparatively few husband, even to a power of sale.

complished and maintained—all these forbid the money payment.) with the intent that they should | they seek to be registered as prostitutes and are supposition that Postal work, which only Te- ultimately become prostitutes. These children closely catechised as to their freedom, they will taught Chinese music, and are regularly trained | their wish in order to provide for their mother 13.-I therefore most cordially recommend for the profession of courtezans. At an early or father or some near relations. The notion deflower them in sly brothels," paying the -4.—With regard to Mr. Kopsch's further "pocket mother" a large price, and the girl is person in loca parentis indicates that it is exthus launched on a brothel career. Those young girls are said to be brought from Canton or 15.—It is not likely that anything can be de- | Macao at the age of 13 or 14 years. "and are deflowered according to bargain and as regular matter of business for large sums of money. which go to their owners, frequently, it would appear, their own parents. The regular carnings of the girls go to the same qua ter, and the unfortunate creatures obviously form subjects of speculation to regular traders in this kind of

> sion, 1879, page 451. DOMESTIC SERVICE AMONGST CHINESE. The most careful is quiry shows that no male children are bought and sold here as slaves or servants, and confirms the statements in the Blue-book that " liovs are sold to be sons not slaves" and "that no such thing as a slave boy exists in Hongkong." It might, too, with truth have been added "nor in Canton." By Chinese enstom and usage, for the purpose of domestic service Chinese female children are aften pledged with a power of redemption, but more frequently

nurchased out and out from poor parents. The price varies considerably. I have known of young child being bought at Macao for a dollar. A "deed of sale," or a "deed of gift" as it is more frequently called, is given to the purchaser. This "deed of gift" of course is a mere euphemism. It is a bill of sale, and purports to sell

and convey a title with a warranty. Money is given as the consideration for the control of the services of the child, in most cases "for ever without redemption." The purchaser has a power of re-sale, although some dispute it. It is certainly exercised amongst the Chinese in the mainland, and occasionally in Hongkong. Their books have a common form of re-sale. (See appendix for a number of forms). It is not within the scope of this Memorandum

to discuss the question how far children of poor Chinese benefit by the existence of their custom of sale, or how far infanticide is checked thereby. ject of debate in the House of Lords. (Hansard vol. 253, page 398, of 21st June, 1880). But it is cortain that the parents give for money and by wer over their child, and purport to divest themselves of all control over its future They make grows up she will be married. The Chinese

would restore a runaway phrchased servant to CHILDREN ARE STOLEN (1°.) TO BE RANSOMED three different suggested remedies. His first Mitchell-Innes, Acting Police Magistrate, of the the vendee as will be seen from the correspon-

Hongkong, he would not give her up.

form (see Appendix L). In Hongkong, transactions of pawning and is of the mildest nature; and hence that crime appeal in a summary way to a Judge in chambers nese at Hongkong, male and female; sale of girls as domestic servants have taken would appear, at least to some extent, to be for against any order of the Registrar-General. place both before and since British Government | tered and | encouraged | by such | systems | being | and the Registrar-General should be empowered ii.—Domestic service amongst Chinese liv. was established here, and no doubt will take place permitted here. There are cheeks and considerate to apply to a Judge for a writ of Habeas ing in Hongkoug, confined to females to some extent in spite of all our efforts; for the tions, however, which counteract the evil, as will Corpus with the view of taking away any could system is a recognised institution among some presently appear. iii.-Kiduapping; as partly chargeable to 250 millions of people, and as long as the Colony, the Chinese system of adoption or service. part of which is on the mainland of China, is iv.-Suggestions for the prevention of abuses | peopled by Chinese, cases of buying and selling growing out of child adoption and domestic girls for purposes of domestic service, with some of the abuses inherent in the system must no-

Ad ption of male children in China is founded | get the Chinese public mind to see any great | therefore :on the necessity of having a male representative | wrong in an institution which their books shew establishment of a national Post Ofice, the in China. They are worked (except at Shang- tatives as sons, natural or adopted, a son may be cited that the respectable Chinese here are most among the Cantonese when adoption is decided tisfied that if there were proper guarantees of purchased servants, but although I have appropriate the Cantonese when adoption is decided tisfied that if there were proper guarantees of purchased servants, but although I have appropriate to the content of the kind. There was no world of agency in the cantonese when adoption is decided tisfied that if there were proper guarantees of purchased servants, but although I have appropriate to the content of the kind. There was no world of agency in the cantonese when adoption is decided tisfied that if there were proper guarantees of purchased servants, but although I have appropriate to the content of the kind. There was no world of agency in the cantonese when adoption is decided tisfied that if there were proper guarantees of purchased servants, but although I have appropriate to the content of the kind. There was no world of agency in the cantonese when adoption is decided to the content of the kind. 7:-The Post Offices at most of the Ports, be- upon is to seek a nearly related male against the abuses connected with the Chinese of Hon kong, but a single remark on the sub- able circumstances it takes an hour to cross and tions are very poor, a small sum of money may Maine calls "the movement from Status to Con-

knowledge of English laws and customs will The Fokienese, Hakka and Chin Chew people permeate the neighbouring province and no the position of the children now under consideration is one of peril, which may require safeguards." (par 18. page 123 printed

papers)." For undoubtedly there are children bought as servants, who are brought up by female children are adopted. They have equal abandoned women with the ultimate object provided with a dowry when married, but, like Settlements. The American market is now natural-born daughters, they have no other claim no longer open. Young girls, brought up thing by an intestacy. Every woman is sup. "pocket-mothers" or mistresses (and that they posed to get married; on doing so she "leaves are so the "pocket-mothers" and mistresses in the family" and is absolutely in manu of the culcate with much assiduity), cannot be expected to make much fight for liberty or virtue even if It is to be feared, however, that a very con- they all knew their rights. As a matter of fact siderable number of female children are adopted the loyalty of these girls to their "pocket-moof duty of a Chinese daughter, natural-born or adopted, is that she must prostitute herself if the pected of her. Frequent reports have shewn Colony for Singapore and Penang led to much kidhow difficult it is to get these girls to help them. | napping of both young girls and women and chilselves; and that although they know they can | dren. Children were easily passed as those of Chiclaim their freedom, as a rule they feel that to | nese returning to Singapore. Girls too and women

KIDNAPPING PARTLY CHARGEABLE TO THE CHINESE SYSTEMS OF ADOPTION AND

kong, a result greatly to be desired.

DOMESTIC SERVICE. been directed to the training up of girls for pros- tions which are adopted. I also append returns | public resort. titution and selling them into "brothel slavery" of the number of cases of kidnapping, including when the parents had voluntarily parted with | illegal detention of women and children, and their offspring in order to be daughters and ser- sales of women for prostitution and emigration vants, "to be provided with husbands when they for the last 101 years. From these returns it came to womanhood"; but there is yet another appear that fewer persons have been convicted in evil which the Chinese themselves admit their 1882 than in any year since 1874 although the custom encourages. I refer to kidnapping. In population has increased 25 per cent. since then, China that crime is a capital offence. A kidnap- and compared with 1880 the number of persons per loses his head very promptly if caught and convicted of those crimes is as 29 is to 68; a convicted on the other side of our boundary. In very marked change. The number of persons Hongkong the crime was found to be so common | convicted up to June 30th this year is only 4. that in 1838 a law was passed which enabled the and one extradition case to Singapore, and no Supreme court to flog in addition to other case has been grave enough to send to the Supu ishments. That law had a very wonderful preme Court. This result must be considered for the appellant; the Acting Attorney-General

dence enclosed in a despatch to the Secretary of When achild is missing the parents advertise port to pass a child for money in the Colony, keeping an agency at No. 1, Taipingshan-street, port to pass a child for money in the Colony. the Messageries line, should losve at noon. The Mail lines should cease to operate further than State in the time of Eir Richard MacDonnell. In the public thoroughfares and offer rewards, The objections to that change in the Criminal for the sale of taxe fa lottery tickets. The appearance of the French makes cannot the public thoroughfares and offer rewards, The objections to that change in the Criminal for the sale of taxe fa lottery tickets. The appearance of the French makes cannot the public thoroughfares and offer rewards, and offer r (See 337 of 29th July, 1867). In the case, a girl and the person who has stolen the child or a con- law His Lordship himself pointed out. 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The child-stealer manages jections to that plan. 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The Canton authorities also demanded in 1869

the rendition of a girl 21 verys of ago and her "fether" ar "rendit" as well as in case of domestion of such a transaction of such a tran the rendition of a girl 21 years of age and her "father" or "uncle," if a man. The intending at a Government office would be at once confuther on the ground that the girl's father and purchaser sees the child and inquires how it strued as giving a good title in virtue of the girl was born in Hongkong. The father a women would be poverty of child seeking its freedom. Frequently Chinese to apply to this Ordinance under Sec. 8, and steamer slowly made its way. M. Laurent, child seeking its freedom. Frequently Chinese to apply to this Ordinance under Sec. 8, and steamer slowly made its way. M. Laurent, child seeking its freedom. Frequently Chinese to apply to this Ordinance under Sec. 8, and steamer slowly made its way. M. Laurent, child seeking its freedom. Frequently Chinese to apply to this Ordinance under Sec. 8, and steamer slowly made its way. M. Laurent, child seeking its freedom. Chinese domiciled here—and the daughter rethe parents, and the daughter rethe parents, and the daughter rethe parents, and the daughter reby Mr Justice Ensell, was included amongst the fused to carry out the engagement, because the parents, because the parents, and that ask to have a transaction of sale into adoption and the master of the master of the addicas also was wounded in the parents on the subject presented to the Logisha-Landal Landal papers on the subject presented to the Legisla- intended husband was repared to be a leper. the person offering it for sale is the mother. witnessed with the view of having the fact relative Council on the 7th intended. The Canton authorities claimed her as "belong. Grief at parting with the child is easily assumed corded that a certain amount of money was obtained. The provision's onabling magistrates hand. Our contemporary comments adversely ing to the intended hyphand and his family. ing to the intended husband and his family. to keep up appearances. A bill of sale is made advanced or paid. 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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BETTER PRÉVENTION OF ABUSES ARISING FROM THE CHINESE SYSTEMS OF CHILD ADOPTION AND DOMESTIC SERVICE; CHECKS ALREADY EXISTING. The abases arising from the Chinese system cessarily occur. It is obviously impossible to of child adoption and purchased service are

> 1 ° ,—Fraud in causing females to be reared and pawned or sold as prostitutes when the parents parted voluntarily with their children for adoption or service. 29 - Kidnapping of male and female children because they can be sold for consi-

derable sums of money. I have tried to find out what is the number of

not be reliable, for the respectable hinese do Similar tablets might be placed at the Temples come within the descriptions the respectable hinese do Similar tablets might be placed at the Temples not like to speak of their adopted children. They and Chestros and other planes of public resorts. was not a place distinctly set aside for that purprefer that the adopted children should think The Chinese promulgate edicts by proclamation | pose, and there was nothing to show that it was that they are natural-born, and obviously the and have engraved on stone what they want to so used. disreputable p opte would strive to keep from be permanent. I would suggest also that notice the knowledge of the authorities the nature of boards should be put up permanently in the mant provided for the mere sale of lottery tickets. the relation existing between themselves and River steamers pointing out that every woman female children who are boing reared for an imand and shild had a right to personal freedom aware of. The Ordinances he had referred to of the Chinese here, the freedom of the subject, proper life. Therefore any estimates of the and that no money bargain could be valid on gave no such provision. number which have been put forward by the English soil. On the steamers plying between

> might be reckoued a suitable place for the ope- gration Officer warning people who go before rations of the kiduapping fraternity, neverthe- him that they are free to refuse to go less the checks now in force have made it an un- on board if they wish, and that they can has been fully alive to the abuses connected with at Singapore. A more general statement of the dence for the prosecution was well covered by the system. The Imperial Act 24 and 25 Viet rights of all persons might be propared and the wording of Sec. 3 of Ord. 9 of 1876 "any C. 100 is in force here. In 1873, an Ordinance painted on white boards. With these precau- person keeping an agency, office, or place for was passed for protection of women and children, tions in addition to those now in force, and a dealing in lotteries." The address given, No.

difficulty in escaping from the penalties invited to settle here. provided by the law against harbouring or receiving or buying or selling knowing the had received the money. 2.—Rewards are given by the Government

for the detection of kidnappers, and by

of the fact that such a system exists. 4.—Every registered prostitute gets a title.

(See Appendix). The frequency with which steamers leave the do so would be dishonest to the women who had were said to be personated before the Emigration bought them at Canton and placed them in Officer. Others who had been decoyed were said brothels. In recent years, however, an improve- to be put on board the steamer when the vessel ment has been apparent. The trouble that the was about to start. Other frauds of substitution Government has taken to explain the position of | were frequently reported. Having found the these unfortunate women has not been in vain. | system of photographs very successful in pre-In every room in every Chinese registered bro- | venting personation in the registered brothels. thel in the Colony a printed notice is exhibited the Government, on my recommendation last explaining that the girls are free, and that if they | year adopted the same system with reference to have been deceived, pledged, or sold they can all women and children about to emigrate. ways get their liberty at once. Every registered | The system with intending emigrants is as folwoman gets one of these papers. Their visitors lows :- A woman or child takes each two photo- annexed). who perhaps fancies one of these girls for a con- as to their freedom. If they are passed one of brothels, the instructing the registered were under plaintiff, and Mr. Leach, instructed by Messes. cubine tells her that she has only to go with him | photograph is stamped; the name inscribed on He easily persuades her to leave; often abandons it, and it is numbered. It is given to the phing registered prostitutes and women and special jury had been summoned in the case. her afterwards, or perhaps he may induce her to emigrant. Duplicates are filed at the office and children who intend to emigrate, have done much Mr. Leach said that before the case was heard go to the Straits Settlements estensibly as his are preserved for three months. Any one who good and that there has been an enormous remany more of these women now leave the brothels | tion Office and inspect the Albams. If the men for prostitution since the introduction of would bias the jury sheald the case be proceeded than formerly without paying up their mistresses missing one is on board a telegram is generally those measures. convictions being 29 persons in with. Certain negotiations had been going on what they owe, or letting the pocket-mother know sent to the Singapore Government asking that 1882 as against 68 in a former year, and only 4 between his learned friend and himself, but they their intentions is unquestionable. The con- inquires should be made. By an arrangement up to the present date. advance money on a girl on a promise of brothel requires every woman and child to produce the fatal objections to the registration of children of which he would not divulge, but, if his Lordservice is an unsafe security, and before long I stamped photograph, and the officer there would purchased for adoption or domestic service, and ship approved the course, he would have his friend believe no such advances will be made in Hong- immediately detect the person presenting a wrong it is suggested that the Registrar-General and a in writing the terms now proposed and would also one. The Po Leung Kuk write on the 13th | Chinese Committee should investigate cases of a | hand them to his Lordship, so that his Lordship September, 1882, (see Registrar-General's letter suspicious nature with power to call upon "pocket- might assist them in coming to a compromise. It of the 19th submitting a translation):—"We mothers" to give security for their hone fides would for obvious reasons be very unpleasant for tographing brothel inmates) the number of gistrar-Ganeral should be able to apply to a admitted, should be given, and it was not out of young people who are inveigled into the Colony I have shewn in the foregoing paragraphs how or brought for the purposes of prostitution has with the view of taking away from improper effect, a compromise. by a fraud upon the parents the Chinese system gradually decreased." The Society highly apof purchasing female children for adoption and proved of the extension to emigrants of the ed that stone tablets stating the law of freedom objection to see counsel privately.

2.—I onclose a copy of the reply I forwarded the facts, forwarding to me, as soon as it can not seem to be enforced by any positive law. It got the child from its logal custodians. A case vants, and in his discretion to call upon thom to may be considered whether any and if so what her sell them at all unless when compelled to do coved girl who was taken to Canton from here should associate with himself say three or four mestic service as being large at an average price liable to two years' hard labour, and on formed; through the Po Louis Kuk, made the able also to summon persons as witnesses who of \$10, and that Mr. Francis stated "that boys a second conviction the offender, if a male, guaranter may up before taking away the child. could give information about either the children are bought and sold in Hongkong for adoption." may be flogged. Indeed, the provisions of this The fact therefore that the Chinese systems of or their so-called owners. The girl could be in-In reporting upon the facts of child adoption Ordinance for the protection of women and adoption and service thus recognise money pay- structed in her rights in cases of suspicion and and domestic service it may be convenient to children are of the strictest nature. It was in- ments would seem to render Hongkong a desir- shown how she could be protected; and the wogroup what observation I have to make and r troduced in 1873 and amended in its present abla market, seeing moreover that the punishment man put under a rule of bail to produce the girl here for kidnapping compared with that of China | when required. There should also be a power of

> from the custody of persons who had no right to keep it, and whose retention of it militated against the child's interests. The Judge of course would be governed by the principles of English law and make such order as the best interests of the child demanded. The knowledge of the existence of such a power and its occasional exercise would, in my opinion, be most useful. and the leading Chinese whom I have consulted ed which whilst not interfering with the respecpowerful aid towards suppressing the "Tso Chii fa" nursories for rearing up young girls for immoral purposes. The names of the consulting Chinese ommittee should be approved by the Governor.

The Committee would have no executive power. children, male and female, in the Colony who are Their function would be purely consultative. By prove that the head of the affair existed in adopted sons and daughters and also the number way of further precaution, and for the better prolied to many well-informed Chinese to give an might also be prected in some of the public the Ordinance, and Mr. Francis contended that approximate number I cannot get the never to thorough fares on the borders of our territory on the evidence did not indicate a "place" for the form a conjecture, and the Registrar-General the mainland and near some of the Chinese sale of these tickets within the mainland of the has been unable to get any approximation wharves stone tablets with inscriptions to the Ordinance. He quoted from a member of authoeither. In the absence of a census it would effect that in British territory no such thing as rities as to the legal definition of the word Although I have pointed out that Hongkong ments such notices are posted up by the Emi-

and in 1875 it was found necessary, to amend it— continued vigilant care on the part of all Judi- 1. Taipingshan-street, was certainly an agency, see Appendix. In addition to these string int cial and Executive officers to promptly attend to office, or place within the meaning of that Or-1.—Increased knowledge on the part of the system of domestic service and adoption will, tickets; it was proved that they knew where the people of late years. The permanent | be all but put a stop to, whilst the views of the to go, and it had been shown that on various residents know that they have no claim on hinese-who are the bulk of he population-will occasions people went to that address and hought a child which has been stolen and which be met, and their customs and usages maintained. they have purchased either for adoption so far as is consistent with perfect freedom of have done this without some arrangement with or service under the belief that it was sold | the subject) as was promised them when Hongby its parents, and they also know the kong was erected into a colony and they were

TO RECAPIFULAT & · 1 o :-- It is shown that child adoption in China child to have been kidnapped. They also | and among the Chinese in Hongkong is always | know that by English law the fact of accompanied by the payment of money and a to the adopting pirents.

20 -It is shown that male children are not the "Chinese Society for the protection | bought and sold as servants in Hongkong nor in the Canton province, but that female children they were satisfied there was no evidence at all 3.—The system of photographing for are disposed of for money by their parents ac. to justify it. Here, however, there was ample purposes of identification in order to pre- cording to Chinese usage and custom, and that evidence. Mr. Francis had said the material vent personation of registered prostitutes | the Chinese authorities recognise such sales as and women and children who pass the binding if executed with due formalities, whilst formers. It was not so, there were a number of Emigration office, and the promulgation | Hongkong treats all such transactions as null respectable tradesmen, and the evidence they and void, giving no rights and conferring no

paper in Chinese telling her of her free-]. 3° .- It is shown that the abuses arising from dom and every room in every brothel has the Chinese system of money passing in the fenders to exposure in the stocks referred to all a notice affixed like the one arinexed. case of adoption and domestic service are:-1 - Kidnapping to some extent.

20 _Brothel bondage; and that female children who are voluntarily parted with by their parents for daughters and servants may be sold as prostitutes by disreputable pers us. 40 .- It is shewn that claims set up by Chinese to ownership on the ground of parchase have been promptly set aside in Hongkong and the claimants punished for any assault or offence committed against the person claimed—and that no opportunity has been lost of proclaiming

the freedom of the subject. 50,-It has been shown that the laws have been amended from time to time to the nime t limit to protect women and children against forced or fraudulent emigration or sales for pur. Horace St. Chair Greekey v. The Hongposes of prostitution, (see Ordinance 2 of 1875

as to their rights, and the system of photogra- Wotton and Deacon, for the defendants. A

enstedians a purchased child. It is also suggest- | - His | ordship-If both sides wish it I have no domestic service is abused. My remarks have photographing system and made some siggres- on English soil should be erected in places of

J. Russell. SUPREME COURT 12th January. IN APPEAL. BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

CHUI SHAN V. JOHN MATHIESON. Mr. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. Ewens (Hon. E. J. Ackroyd), instructed by the Crown in court. Selicitor. Mr. Johnson, for the respondent. This was an appeal against the decision of Mr. suggestion is to make it a misdemeanour to pur- 8th October last, convicting the appellant of

.Mr. Francis objected to the conviction on the attacked by pirates off the village of Mag-

would be a Gorman Pack of lowing within a day | Ningpo, and its Post Office from of the system. I desire therefore that you will Chinese outstand who had the system. I desire therefore that you will Chinese outstands and the parety of the system. I desire therefore that you will chinese outstands and the parety of the system. I desire therefore that you will chinese outstands and the parety of the system. institute a full and trustworthy inquiry duto are only enforced by social sanction. They do very lucky if he can prove that he believed he "pocket-daughters" or female domestic ser- reversel. As a la this merits of the co-o secution was not such as to justify a conviction. The evidence given ought not to love been credited considering its nature and the character of the witnesses. All the mater al office would not take the responsibility of digertary ing the Government will probably think it nessess sever in number, were paid information of the protection of women and children witnesses, sever in number, were paid information.

Once would not take the responsibility of digertary ing the Government will probably think it nessess sever in number, were paid information, and the protection of women and children witnesses, sever in number, were paid information, and the protection of women and children witnesses, sever in number, were paid information, and the protection of women and children witnesses, sever in number, were paid information, and the protection of women and children witnesses, sever in number, were paid information, and the protection of women and children witnesses, sever in number, were paid information, and the protection of women and children witnesses, sever in number, were paid information. ing the muil from its ordinary route vid Kobe, cossary to refer this matter to the Secretary of quiry." (Command paper 3,185 of 1882, page soll as prostitutes. By Ordinance No. 2 of 1875 Government applied to the British Consul who would advise him as Consulting Committee, and many were regular professional informers.

Against these were the secretary of quiry." (Command paper 3,185 of 1882, page sell as prostitutes. By Ordinance No. 2 of 1875 Government applied to the British Consul who would advise him as Consulting Committee. In illustration of the diversity of spinion for prostitution any woman or female child or dressed to the Consul to a witness and the all woman of disreputable character who kept girls tend that the evidence they gave, if worthy of which provails as to the facts. Lord Kimberley brings into the Colony any woman or female mother of the girl. An official from the Nam between the ages of 8 and 16 inclusive by virtue credence, was not sufficient to justify a conviction to the facts. Lord Kimberley brings into the Colony any woman or female mother of the girl. An official from the Nam between the ages of 8 and 16 inclusive by virtue credence, was not sufficient to justify a conviction to the conviction of the girl. points out that " hir John Smale never heard of child purchased or sold out of the Colony Hoi Magistrate's Yamen went to the people who of adoption or of purchase for domestic service. | tion for keeping a taxe fa agency. Mr Francis community a delay of probably at last two days.

19 The guaranter and all of the purposes of prostitution, or harbours at ion should be kept in view, namely, the con-19.—The abolition of accounts with the vaniones and welfare of the communities at the whilst Dr. Eitel spoke of the domand for young or receives them knowing them to have money and the girl sat his office before himself and the deposition. According to them, he said, the only on receives them knowing them to have money and the girl was sent down here through of the girls at his office before himself and the deposition. According to them, he said the only on receives them knowing them to have money and the girl was sent down here through of the girls at his office before himself and the deposition. According to them, he said the only on receives them knowing them to have money and the girl was sent down here through of the girls at his office before himself and the deposition. According to them, he said the only on the girls at his office before himself and the deposition. London Office, referred to in the last Annual various Treaty Ports, which perhaps include children under the system of adoption and do been purpose, is the Consult of the contoud that not one of the wiferes for the

prospention gave one word of evidence against the defends thus to anything on that date. Their Lordships examined the depositions. and pointed out to Mr. Francis the take charge was contained on the copy of the summons attached to the dopositions, and it appeared that Mr. Francis's copy did not contain a copy of it by some mistake. Mr. Francis again proceeded to urgo the unreliability of the evidence which was called on

behalf of the presention. Against that they had the evidence of the occupier of No. 1, Taipingshan-street; the alleged place of agency, a respectable druggist, who denied that the defendant had ever been there, or that any taxe fa lottery dealings ever thok place there. He did not even know what a isza fa lettery ticket was like, and did not know anything about the think it is the only practical method yet suggest- lettery. The evidence of such a witness, Mr. Francis thought, was worth that of a dozen table and settled population would be a very informers, who went into those cases for pay, and were all men of a very low and demoralised character. Then again there was no evidence of any agency. Supposing a prosecution were instituted against dealers in Manila lottery tickets it, would be necessary to

The Chief Justice asked if there was no punish-Mr. Francis said there was none that he was

The Chief Justice asked if none of the English Acts prevailed here. Mr. Francis said none of the more modern ones did; some of those of Grove; III. and George IV, might, but he should submit that they did not refer to these latteries.

The Asting Attorney-General, in reply, contended that the address deposed to in the eviwas not charged, and even if the defend lat were an intruder it was still an agency or office, as he was to be found there whenever there were lickets to be sold. The evidence did not show that any acts had taken place on the 1st September, but that was a mistake that could be easily money having been paid to a parent of "deed of gift" or bill of sale when the adopted rectified. He should submit that if a charge was itself gives no claim to the possession of are strangers-in-blood; and that even money made for a cortain day and the offence was the child even as against the parent who passes in the case of relatives if the parents of proved on another the Magistrate had still power the adopted child are poor or not nearly related in convict. On the merits of the case, he thought there was no doubt that the conviction was amply justified. He did not think the court would reverse a decision upon the merits of a case unless to the sentence, he contended that the provision for giving the magistrates power to sentence ofmerely to legislation already in force at the time they were framed. However, he did not insist upon that, and would leave it entirely in the

hands of the Court. The Chief Justice said the court would look ver the depositions and consider their decision.

14th January.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE HON. SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO.

CHIEF JUSTICE. KONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

Mr. Francis. Q.C., instructed by Messrs. 60 .- It has been shewn that the supervision Sharp, Johnson, and Stokes, appeared for the

79 -It has been shewn that there are had now a further proposition to make the terms towards "pocket daughters"; also that the Re- all parties that cortain evidence in this case, if Judge in Chambers for a writ of Habras Corpus | the way that the Judge should be p parties to

> Mr. Leach-That is what I should have pro-After a short consultation between counsel Mr. Leach said-I am afraid we will not be able to come to a compromise unless your. Lordship will see us privately and assist us. His Lordship-Do you wish it, Mr. Francis? Mr. Francis-I shall be most happy, my lord. His Lordship then left the bench and counsel aw him in his chambers. After a short absence his Lordship returned

and addressing the gentlemen of the jury said he was happy to say the case had been settled without their assistance and their services would not be required. The terms of the compromise were not stated

PIRATICAL ATTACK ON A RIVER STEAMER IN TONQUIN.

From the Courrier d'Haiphong of the 6th inand 19 of Ord. 7 of 1866 were also made pirates following salong the bank as the